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President's Report

Gerald Berger

The work of the Vaad is a continuing process. Thus, many of the items on which I will report were also on the agenda of our immediate past president, Dr. Harvey Lithwick, who thankfully, continues to play an active role on the Executive Committee.

One of the aids which will provide a framework for future planning is the just-published study prepared by Dr. Charles Freedman, the Chairman of the Long-Range Planning Committee. The study provides information on the Ottawa Jewish Community as well as an analysis of that data leading to an indication as to where we may be heading and the social and other services which may be required in the future to take care of our needs. This report will provide the outline for action in our community for years to come.

The report was presented to several leadership groups in the community, including the Board of Trustees. However, since the issues raised are very much those of the total community, it is our intention to arrange a series of communal meetings to ensure that the report has the widest possible circulation. After that process, the Planning, Priorities and Budget Committee, under the most able Chairmanship of Dr. Barnard Dolansky, will analyze the response to the report and formulate a plan of action.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my admiration and appreciation to Dr. Freedman and to offer him my best wishes as he continues to lead this important committee.

The study, in addition to dealing with expenditures, also focuses on revenues and, in particular, the effectiveness of our U.J.A. campaign in raising the needed dollars to fund our responsibilities abroad as well as in Ottawa. I have already written about the need for the annual U.J.A. campaign to continue to be the major campaign in the community. While we have been very successful in the past, we must ensure that the campaign continues to be increasingly successful so that our future as a community is ensured. In this regard, I would like to thank Stevan Gordon for taking on the chairmanship of the Long-Range Planning Committee for the United Jewish Appeal.

And speaking of our future, I would like to express my appreciation to Irving Greenberg, the President of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, for his efforts and those of his Board and staff, in continuing to raise the profile and significance of this important institution in its Bar Mitzvah year. More and more people are beginning to realize the many opportunities the Foundation provides for ensuring the future vitality of our community.

In keeping with our ongoing long-range planning activities, Dr. Nordau Kanigsberg has undertaken responsibility for a Vaad/J.C.C. Task Force to review the role, mandate, programming, relationships and physical structure of the Jewish Community Centre. A committee representing the Centre and the Vaad has been appointed to carry out this study. The Task Force has already begun its work and I will be reporting to you on its progress.

When I became President of the Vaad, there were several areas that I felt deserved further attention or for which recommendations had been forthcoming from our Panel structure which needed implementation.

I am pleased to note that this year the following new committees have been formed: *Services for Jewish Senior Adults* under the chairmanship of Zelaine Shinder, to coordinate activities aimed at this important segment of our community; *Committee on Grants*, under the chairmanship of Gerald Levitz, to co-ordinate communal efforts to obtain grants from government bodies; the *Audit Committee*, chaired by Albert Rivers, to provide the community with further assurance that its financial affairs are being well managed; and the *Human Resources Development Committee*, under the chairmanship of Dr. Stanley Labow, to identify and develop volunteers for our communal organizations. This last committee has had outstanding results to date with two very well attended functions, two evenings of personal interviews and approximately fifty new volunteers placed on boards and committees in community agencies.

I have already noted the work of Dr. Bernard Dolansky as chairman of the Planning, Priorities and Budget Committee. I would also like to note the excellent work of his two Panel chairmen, Dr. Eli Rabin of the Panel on Jewish Education and Issie Landau of the Panel on Individual and Group Services. These three men and their committees have managed the allocations process with judgment, pragmatism and sensitivity.

The Jewish Community Campus continues to be a bright spot in the community with many more activities being held at 881 Broadview. Russell Kronick, the President and his Board are in the process of upgrading the grounds including sports areas and fencing as required, prior to the second season of the J.C.C. Day Camp. The lower level of the building which includes a mini-gym lunchroom facility was completed last fall. The building which houses our community day school — Hillel Academy — is a source of great pride and seems to have had a positive effect on school enrolment which is at an all-time high.

This year we had some special highlights, beginning last August when Ottawa was the site for the Annual Hineni Gathering sponsored by the United Israel Appeal of Canada and hosted by the Greenberg and Zagerman Families for major donors across Canada. During those sessions we were privileged to hear some excellent speakers from Israel and Canada, but the one who stands out above the rest was His Excellency Benjamin Netanyahu, the Ambassador from Israel to the United Nations.

In September we hosted the Jewish Commonwealth Conference which brought together an august and interesting gathering of Jews from 17 different countries. In the days that followed, which included several meetings on Parliament Hill, we found that we had very much in common despite our different backgrounds. Judge Maxwell Cohen is the Canadian Patron of this organization.

A follow-up to the Conference was the Commonwealth Jewish Exhibit which was in Ottawa for two weeks in April. The Exhibit was chaired by Dan Mozersky, who also arranged a panel discussion of Ottawans from Commonwealth countries and tours of the display for our Jewish schools and the Golden Age Group.

The C.I.C./Community Relations Committee chaired by Stephen Victor was responsible for an excellent forum entitled "Freedom to Hate" last October. The Hon. Jean Luc Pepin was the moderator and the event was convened by Julie Taub.

In January, Per Anger, former Ambassador from Sweden to Canada, was our guest speaker for an evening commemorating Raoul Wallenberg. Vera Gara chaired the event which included the involvement of Members of Parliament David Kilgour and Rev. Roland de Corneille.

The first annual Hy Hochberg Memorial Lecture was held on Sunday, February 9 with noted journalist/author Wolf Blitzer discussing the prospects for peace in the Middle East. Mr. Blitzer is the Washington Bureau Chief of the *Jerusalem Post*. I would like to express my thanks to Dr. Harvey Lithwick for chairing this event.

We welcomed three new members of the Israel Embassy and their wives. They are Gideon and Amira Meir, Avi and Nomi Gil and Raphael and Rena Assaf. They have already become an integral part of the Jewish community and I am sure you join me in wishing them a pleasant tour of duty in Ottawa.

We will shortly be bidding a fond farewell to Rabbi Basil Herring, his wife Sherry and their children. In the seven years that Rabbi Herring has been in Ottawa he has played an important role both in his congregation and as part of the total Jewish community, and he will be sorely missed.

At the same time, Rabbi Sanford Marcus will be leaving Temple Israel after six years of devoted service. His involvement in the dialogue among the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox movements has been noteworthy and I have always been impressed with the social action activities of Temple Israel, particularly those related to Soviet Jewry. I want to wish Rabbi Marcus, his wife Ruth, and their children all the best for the future.

I would also like to take the opportunity again to express my appreciation and that of the entire community to three gentlemen who have given unstintingly of their efforts to serve this community for so many years. Hy Gould, the 1982 recipient of the Gilbert Greenberg Award and a past president of the Vaad, has resigned as Chairman of the Cemetery Committee; and Mendel Good has resigned as Chairman of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee. In addition, Dr. Baruch Diena, Chairman of the Vaad Hakashruth, and his wife Sarah will be leaving Ottawa at the end of the summer and he will, therefore, be resigning this important post as well. I cannot think of three other gentlemen who have provided more devoted service to this community and I trust that we can continue to call on them for advice and guidance.

I have attended a number of national and international meetings as Vaad President and have witnessed first-hand the esteem in which this community is held, whether it be at Canadian Jewish Congress, National Budgeting Conference, United Israel Appeal or the Council of Jewish Federations. In large measure, this is due to the work of the late Hy Hochberg in concert with past lay leadership. High standards have been set for all of us.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my position is the opportunity of meeting so many volunteers, who serve the community with warmth, devotion and very little recognition. The challenge is to encourage these people to continue to provide the means by which new leadership can be fostered and, perhaps most importantly, to find the way to bring back to communal life those who have served before. Their experience and judgment cannot be measured.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my warmest thanks to my colleagues on the Vaad Executive and the Board of Trustees, as well as a number of past presidents. They have all been a source of inspiration and strength for which I am grateful. I particularly want to thank Stephen Victor for filling in for me when I have been out of town. I am also pleased to extend my appreciation to Gittel Tatz and the professional and administrative staff for their ongoing efforts not only in keeping the community machinery in smooth running order, but in building the team that will support our planning and operational activities in the next phase of the Vaad's second fifty years. The job of an executive director is never an easy one and Gittel has assumed her new responsibilities with understandable caution at first, then with vigour but always with dedication, respect for the past, sensitivity and loyalty.

I want to extend to the community my thanks for this opportunity to serve as well as for all your courtesies. Finally, I want to recognize my family and note their patience and understanding.

A Happy, Safe and Healthful Summer to You and Your Families

An Overview

Gittel Tatz,
Executive Director

Just a few months ago, when I wrote my first article for the *Bulletin*, I concenfrated on looking ahead. Today, I will turn my sights to the past — not only to this past year but to the beginnings of the Ottawa Jewish Community.

One of the things I remember hearing time and again, during my thirty years in Ottawa, was that we were considered a model Jewish community. Having lived elsewhere for some seven years and having attended numerous national and North American meetings, I can state, unequivocally, that it is true. Although we have our differences, on the important issues we are able to mobilize broad support and speak with one voice. We have been able to avoid the divisions and parochial interests which plague too many communities today. It is not pure chance.

A good part of the credit goes to the unique communal structure we have enjoyed for fifty-one years. Patterned after the kehillah system of Eastern Europe, our Jewish Community Council or Vaad Ha'Ir as it is more popularly known, has been the catalyst around which the community has coalesced. Central to the entire process have been the able, committed and respected leaders who have been at the helm of the organization from its inception.

While most federations started as coalitions of social welfare agencies, the beginnings were different in Ottawa. Here, the founders of the Vaad were the Synagogues and they continue to be involved to this day. Conversely, the religious life of this community is very much our concern. Structural changes have, of course, taken place over the years. New groups have been admitted to membership and there is wider ad-personnum representation. But the basic principles set down by fhe founding fafhers are as valid today as they were in 1934.

Still, it is a far different community than it was in those days. Many new people now swell our ranks. Most came from a different orienfafion and the challenge continues to be to bring them into the mainstream of Jewish community life. That is not a simple task. We try to reach out to newcomers to make them feel welcome. Many respond in kind but we are still told that there is a perception among recent arrivals that Ottawa is a closed society controlled by a few indigenous families and that it is hard to break in. Nothing could be further from the truth. Every position in this community is open to anyone who is willing to devote the time and effort to do a job. All one needs to do is come forward.

The message we must continually get across is that the Jewish Community of Ottawa is people — you — me — our families — our neighbours — our organizations and institutions — all working together in a common cause. The Vaad is the central organization of this community, historically rooted in centuries of tradition and adapted to the patterns and practicalities of Canadian society. Our function can best be described as follows:

•We are the central address of the organized Jewish community, governed and administered by Officers, an Executive Committee and a Board of Trustees elected annually by members in good standing of the Jewish community.

•We are the umbrella through which our educational, cultural, family welfare, leisure, youth, aged, charitable and community relations needs at home and abroad are satisfied.

•We have a planning, priorities and budgeting system which sets communal priorities, avoids duplication of services and disburses funds in an organized way.

•We work for the advancement of the community and represenf if in areas of Jewish and general inferest.

•We promote co-operation among Jewish organizations and help them achieve their objectives.

•We plan for the future in order to keep pace with the expanding needs of our growing community.

•We conduct the United Jewish Appeal Campaign which is the lifeline for the programs and services we fund on the local, national and Israel scene.

•We maintain the Community Calendar and publish the Ottawa *Jewish Bulletin & Review*.

These responsibilities require the ongoing concern of our volunteer leadership and the day-to-day attention of our professional and support staff. Fortunately, we have the able and dedicated people to bring it all together.

It has been a demanding year on our lay leaders and staff but there is also a sense of satisfaction in what we have accomplished. We enter the 52nd year of fhe Vaad's existence with a solid foundation, the confidence of the community and with faith in the future.

When I first joined the staff in 1973, annual reports did not appear in printed form. Instead, they were actually read at the Annual Meeting by their authors — and consequently, this meeting was one that could last far into the night. Then for some years we published a booklet of Annual Reports which was distributed at the meeting, and only highlights were presented orally. Now we publish them in this Special Edition. We save time at fhe meeting, have a permanent record and the reporting can be in greater depth. Moreover, since the *Bulletin* is distributed to everyone in the community, accountability is served more fully. If you have any comments or questions on any of the reports, our Officers will be pleased fo hear from you.

I close these reflections with warm appreciation to the President, Officers and Board of Trustees for their co-operation and encouragement and to my colleagues on the Council staff for their loyal and devoted services.

Human Resources Development Committee

Dr. Stanley Labow,
Chairman

The Human Resources Development program was mandated by the Jewish Community Council with the following aims in mind:

1. To maximize participation of community members in all facets of Vaad and U.J.A. operations;
2. To identify members of the community who wish to volunteer their services:
3. To maintain listings of community members for purposes of placement;
4. To develop, in conjunction with the beneficiary agencies and other communal organizations, their volunteer requirements.

The process began with a fwo-pronged approach. We prepared a list of uninvolved members of the community, contacted them indicating our intent and invited fhem to a meeting at my home. Af the same time, an open letter appeared in the *Bulletin* asking interested parties to respond by completing a form noting their areas ot interest and/or expertise.

The well over fifty people who responded attended a function at which Dodo Heppner, fhe immediate Past President of Allied Jewish Community Services in Montreal, discussed volunteerism and the gratification that comes with assuming leadership roles in the community. Her presentation was followed by a question and answer period which brought to light some problems and percepfions which required our attenfion.

The second meeting held approximately one month later, again with approximately 50 people, was a forum for the major agencies in the community. That evening, seven presentations were made by the President and/or the Executive Director of each agency, after which questions were invited. At the end of the meeting, those present were encouraged to make direct contact and offer their services in the area which they found most interesting.

In order to accommodate those who, for one reason or another, had not yet found their niche, we conducted a fwo-evening series of personal interviews some six weeks later. This was not only a successful effort, because of the further placements that were made, but it was also a most pleasant experience. As a follow-up it is our intenfion fo contact each of the volunteers who came through fhe process to make sure they are satisfied in their new positions. After that, it will be time to start fhe process all over again for next year.

I would be remiss it I did not take this opportunity to thank Myra Aronson and Stuart Levine for their time and effort in this new venture.

Ottawa Talmud Torah Board

Alan Williams, Board Chairman
Stan Katz, Director of Education

The Ottawa Talmud Torah Board (OTTB) directs the operation of four schools: two day schools — Hillel Academy, an elementary day school, and a high school operating out of Nepean High School; and two afternoon schools Talmud Torah and Akiva High School.

It is easy to understand why there has been such a large increase in the enrolment at Hillel Academy to over 400 students. Hillel's unqualified commitment to excellence in every phase of its program guarantees each and every child the best possible education.

The traditional Judaic program inculcates in each child a love for Torah and for Israel and instills pride in being a Jew. The secular program provides each child with the knowledge and capabilities to underfake the most demanding of courses at the high school level, be they in French Immersion or in General Studies.

Hillel is concerned with moulding a well rounded individual. To this end, the child also participates in public speaking contests, in science fairs, in bible contests and in sporting events against other schools.

With a highly experienced and capable administration, dedicated staff, small class sizes and ideal facilities at 881 Broadview, parents can feel secure entrusfing fhe education of their children to Hillel Academy.

The OTTB's day high school program has had a very successful first year. The students who attend this program participate in the full Nepean High School program, in addition fo which they are also provided with approximately eight hours of weekly instruction in Judaica. Credit is given for one of the courses in Hebrew Language.

The afternoon schools provide each child with a sound foundation and understanding in areas such as Torah, Hebrew History and Hebrew Language. Guests are often brought in to speak to the children on special topics ot interest.

For further information on any of these schools please call 722-0020.

United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa

Larry Hartman, General Chairman

As has become the pattern in recent years, the 1986 United Jewish Appeal Campaign officially began on November 1, 1985.

In an effort to create a climate of excitement and enthusiasm, the U.J.A. Mission to Israel went prior to the Campaign this year. The Mission, which is a very important element in fundraising and in the development of leadership, left on July 22 and returned on August 4. The group of 17 was briefed on the military, political and economic situation and generally gained an insight into the dynamics of Israeli life which is only possible by first-hand encounters.

One of the major highlights of the trip was the opportunity to visit with some of the recently-arrived Ethiopian Jews who are now learning a new life in Israel. Thus we were able to see first-hand where our $200,000 commitment to Operation Moses would be going. Another exciting moment was the opportunity to view the closing ceremonies of the Maccabiah Games. On the way home we stopped in Madrid, Spain to visit places of both Jewish and general interest and to meet with members of the Madrid Jewish Community.

The success of the past several Campaigns was due in large part to the pre-canvassing of the donors in the Major Gifts and Special Names Divisions. The concept was followed once again this year and proved most successful. The Co-Chairmen of the Major Gifts Division, Chick and Irving Taylor, the Co-Chairmen of the Special Names Divisions, Steven Gordon, Dan Cantor and Allan Baker, and my two Deputy Chairmen Dan Kimmel and Stephen Greenberg deserve much credit for their efforts.

Super Sunday and Mop-Up Monday were held on November 10 and 11 and enabled us, through the various Divisions, to cover more than 1,500 cards for total contributions of over $195,000.

The face-to-face canvassing prior to Super Sunday, and the six weeks following, effectively broke the back of the Campaign. By December 31, we had reached $2,640,000. Unfortunately, the last part of December and the months of January and February are difficult for fundraising because so many people are away. Unless these people are seen before they leave, months pass by before they can be seen for U.J.A. By then, the momentum has been lost. For that reason, I am pleased that the 1987 Campaign is to commence September 1. This should enable us to complete the entire Campaign by early December.

Extensive use of the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin* is made throughout the Campaign period to make the Community aware of U.J.A. and where the dollars go.

The final fund-raising event on behalf of the 1986 Campaign is the annual Walkathon. This year Super Walk '86 took place on Sunday, May 25. The Committee is optimistic that the goal of $50,000 will be reached.

With the results to date, the Walkathon, the Endowments & Bequest allocations, Pembroke and the remaining outstanding cards, I am optimistic that the 1986 Campaign should reach $3,200,000.

Early in July I will have the opportunity to express, in person, my appreciation to all the volunteer workers at a Kovod Reception arranged in their honour. In the meantime, I want to thank all the people with whom I have worked and all the donors to United Jewish Appeal for making our Community a model for others to follow.

Women's Div. United Jewish Appeal

Sheila Hartman,
Myra Presser, Co-chairmen

This was Women's Division Bat Mitzvah year, and it has been a year of joy and responsibility. The Mission to Israel made us aware of Israel's accomplishments as well as her problems. In response to these needs and the needs of the local Jewish Community, we set our goal at $375,000. At the Bulletin deadline date, we have raised $374,275. and are confident our goal will be reached and surpassed before the campaign is officially over.

Our first event, "Under to Over" was a brunch, held at the home of Dorothy Nadolny for our Snowbirds before they left for the winter.

"Food for Thought", our canvasser training program with Michael Ostroff of Montreal, was coordinated and hosted by Rose Taylor. The 70 canvassers who attended were inspired by our dynamic guest speaker and left ready to canvass, armed with many helpful tips such as "dial with a smile".

The Top Donors' Brunch, held at the home of Sunny Tavel, saw the presentation of the "Lion of Judah" pin to eight ladies who contribute $5,000. and over to our Campaign. Brunch was superb, as was our guest Ruth Gruber, who related her many experiences ranging from World War II to Operation Moses.

Close to 300 ladies attended our Opening Luncheon which was highlighted by a touching ceremony in tribute to our past chairman, led by Alyce Baker. The guest speaker was Ruth Gruber. Never before has an audience been so moved by one woman's words. To quote one member of the audience, "her description and attention to detail served to heighten the emotion she created in the room".

On April 17, a group of 60 men and women travelled to Montreal for the day. Organized under the combined auspices of the Women's Division and Women's Federation, it was most rewarding and interesting, beginning with a visit to "The Precious Legacy" exhibit, lunch at Cummings House and a tour of the Golden Age facilities and the Holocaust Museum.

Our year as co-chairmen of the Women's Division has been a rewarding and growing experience. However, it would not have been possible without the help and support of the many talented and dedicated volunteers, Director of Women's Division Faigie Stubina and the support staff.

In the coming year Women's Division will be in the excellent hands of Sunny Tavel and Elissa Iny to whom we wish much success. We look forward to working with you.

Ottawa Chevra Kadisha

Sam Petigorsky, Gabbai

The Chevra Kadisha serviced 74 cases between December, 1984 and the end of November, 1985. This is an increase from the previous year and it is the greatest number of cases ever serviced by the Chevra Kadisha in one year.

As in previous years, improvements were carried out in the Chapel. New carpets were installed in the main Chapel and on the stairs and in part of the second floor. Further work will be carried out this year to the interior and exterior of the building.

Maitenance costs have increased from previous years. Due to blasting several blocks from the Chapel, the exterior and interior of the building sustained a great deal of damage. The cost of repairs will be quite substantial. We are attempting to have the damage repaired by the company which did the blasting. Legal action may be necessary to settle this matter.

Our Annual Shabbat and Banquet was held this year at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue. Those events were very well attended and successful.

Our annual meeting was held on November 19, 1985 and the following officers were re-elected:

Sam Petigorsky — Gabbai Rishon
M. Sidney Green — Gabbai
Abe Hanser — Gabbai
Izzie Greenberg — Gabbai
Dr. Philip Gosewich — Recording Secretary
Abe Hanser — Treasurer
Martin K. Levinson — Financial Secretary

We wish to extend our sincerest thanks to the Chairmen of the Cemetery Committees and to the clergy for their past co-operation and we hope this will continue in the future.

Also, we wish to thank all the members of the Jewish community for their understanding and co-operation.

May the Almighty bless you all with the best of health and make our work lighter.

Council on Services to the Jewish Senior Adult

Zelaine Shinder, Chairman

The Council on Services to the Jewish Senior Adult was established by the Jewish Community Council to ensure that proper co-ordination and planning for integrated services and programs for the Jewish Senior Adult takes place in our community. Its terms of reference are as follows.

1. To serve as the forum of exchange of information and co-ordination of services and programs for older adults in the Jewish community.
2. To make recommendations and proposals for new or revised services.
3. To work with the Council on Aging, the Social Planning Council of Ottawa-Carleton and such other resources in the general community that are involved in furthering the interests and welfare of senior adults.

To that end, letters were sent out in November to all interested agencies, organizations and individuals to participate on this Council.

The Council of Services to the Jewish Senior Adult, under the chairmanship of Zelaine Shinder and vice-chairman Len Rutman, has met four times over the past year. As well, a sub-committee of the Council has also met.

The Council decided to concentrate on the following four areas this year:

- Categorize our listing of Senior Adults.
- Revise and update the Ottawa Directory of Services for Jewish Senior Adults.
- Look into ways and means of organizing a Jewish Volunteer Bureau.
- A Senior's half page in the *Bulletin*.

As chairman of this Council, I found this experience to be a most interesting and rewarding one. Although not all of our original objectives were adressed, most of them were and I would like to thank a most devoted and diligent committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Hillel Lodge, the Jewish Community Centre and the Jewish Social Services Agency, all of which were most helpful and co-operative, as all three take an active interest in the affairs of the Jewish Senior Adult. Many thanks also to Lillian Laks and Jerry Solomon of the Jewish Community Council for their advice and assistance in helping to co-ordinate this Committee and its meetings throughout the year. It is hoped that most of our objectives will be implimented in the coming year.

Jewish Community Foundation

Irving Greenberg, President
Casey Swedlove, Executive Director

The Officers and Directors of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation are pleased to report continued progress during the past year. As of March 31, 1986, the total capital in the Foundation was $2,376,954., consisting of 207 Funds of which 10 are $100,000 and over.

For the year ending December 31, 1985, $229,000 was allocated to local and Israeli charities. It is anticipated that there will be approximately $240,000 available for distribution for the year 1986.

Since the last Annual Meeting the following Funds were established: Joseph and Rose Ages Endowment Fund, Hy Hochberg Memorial Lecture Fund, Ben and Mary Rosenblatt Endowment Fund, Avraham and Elissa Iny Scholarship Fund, Isabel Firestone Endowment Fund, Otto and Edith Bruck Endowment Fund, Freda Macy Memorial Fund, Samuel and Bessie Blair Memorial Fund, Jarvis Freedman Memorial Fund, Samuel and Ruth Rothman Endowment Fund, and the Gittel and Martin Tatz Endowment Fund.

As part of our Bar Mitzvah year celebration, last June the Foundation held Shabbat Services and a Kiddush sponsored by the Directors and friends at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue. On May 10, this year, similar Services and a Kiddush were held at Agudath Israel Synagogue.

Although the Foundation has been trying to initiate an Insurance Program for a number of years, it was Larry and Sheila Hartman who provided the leadership by purchasing a policy of $500,000 that will benefit the Foundation. We are advised that two or three more policies will be completed in the near future. If you are in your 30's or 40's and both spouses are non-smokers, the cost is unbelievably low. Speak to your insurance agent to get the rate that applies to you. The Foundation will issue income tax receipts for the premium that you pay.

On June 2 the Foundation co-sponsored the renowned Bat Dor Dance Company from Israel at the National Arts Centre. A reception for the cast followed the performance at which a candle-lighting ceremony honouring the Founders of the Foundation took place. Any profits accrued will be added to the Kovod Fund, the income of which goes each year to the United Jewish Appeal.

The greatest growth of the Foundation has come from bequests in Wills. Therefore, the Directors are again suggesting that when you are updating your Will, discuss with your lawyer a bequest to the Foundation, which will perpetuate your name in the community forever. The bequest can be directed to a favourite charity or it can be left to the discretion of the Directors to benefit agencies in the community that require financial assistance.

For information regarding the establishment of a Fund, call Casey Swedlove at 236-5442, Gittel Tatz or Laura Greenberg at 232-7306. For a copy of the Annual Report and the Auditor's Statement, call Laura Greenberg, Executive Secretary at the above number.

Planning, Priorities and Budgeting

Dr. Bernard Dolansky, Chairman

The Planning, Priorities and Budget Committee is mandated with the overall responsibility of the Integrated Planning, Budget and Allocations System which was developed a number of years ago. Last fall, the Planning, Priorities and Budget Committee set guidelines for the 1986-87 budgeting cycle. Essentially they called for base budgets of 97% of the 1985-86 allocation. Agencies are also allowed to submit requests for new programs provided that they are in line with communal priorities. These guidelines were related to the Panels on Jewish Education and Individual and Group Services.

The modified budgeting system has assisted agencies in trimming their budgets and clearly defining their basic program priorities. At the same time, the system gives the Council the opportunity to have input into the program planning and priority setting of each agency based on the Vaad's broader community perspective. At this writing the two Panels have completed their review of agency requirements for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1986 and have passed on their recommendations to the Central committee. From there the consolidated recommendation will go to the Executive and Board of Trustees for approval.

As a matter of interest, it should be noted that in the fiscal year July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986, $2.7 million was available for distribution to beneficiaries. Of this amount 50% was allocated to United Israel Appeal; 6.9% for National Agencies in Canada; and 43% for local community services and debt retirement. Of the local share, Jewish education received 39.2%, Cultural and Recreational Agencies 38.4% and Communal and Social Services 22.4%. The final campaign figure for 1986 is not available.

A highlight of this past year has been the publication of the Long-Range Planning Study under the able chairmanship of Dr. Charles Freedman. The Report was tabled at the May Board of Trustees meeting and is intended to be the first step in addressing the long-term needs and priorities of our community. The next phase of the Study will offer the opportunity for reaction and response from as broad a spectrum of the community as possible. I urge you all to make every effort to review the Study included as a special supplement in the Annual Report and to become involved in the process.

I wish to thank members of the Planning and Budgeting Panels and the Long-Range Planning Study for their diligent application to the responsibilities with which they were entrusted.

Machzikei Hadas Sisterhood

Ellen Fathi, President

Machzikei Hadas Sisterhood started its successful year with the Opening Meeting in September. A cooking demonstration on fish — presented by Jo-Anne Roy of Pelican Fishery Ltd. — made this a very mouthwatering experience.

In October our very own Donna Strauss presented to us a book review of "The Battered Child in Canada". In November, we participated in Arts Alive at the Jewish Community Centre.

December saw a children's Chanukah party for the congregation, where we distributed Sidurim to first year Hebrew students. The children enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Sisterhood members and had a great time watching some favorite cartoons.

In January everyone was invited to a Sisterhood breakfast — our program for the morning at which Dr. Raphael Saginur from the Civic Hospital spoke on AIDS. Our February brunch prepared by Sisterhood members and a Children's Fashion Show made for a very enjoyable afternoon.

March and Purim — our general meeting featured the Israella Singers — Shaloch Monas was distributed to the shut-ins in hospitals and nursing homes and we sponsored refreshments for th Megillah reading and Carnival.

In May we presented a special Yom Hashoah evening with Mendel Good, co-chairman of the 1985 Gathering of Holocaust Survivors, which was held in Ottawa.

We plan to attend the 32nd Annual Conference of Women's Branch in Montreal.

Our Closing Function, held on June 10, featured as speaker our very own Rabbi Reuven Bulka.

The Annual Strawberry Tea, which is also our major fundraiser, will take place on July 8.

This concludes our programs and activities for the past season, and we are already formulating plans for the future.

Ottawa Modern Jewish School

Charna Mittleman, President
Gerry Cammy, Principal

Ottawa Modern Jewish School serving the community since 1953, is proud to report that our school is growing. In the 1985-86 school year we started a nursery program for three year olds and now have 10 very happy graduates who will be ready for our junior kindergarten program next Sept.

From K4-Grade 7, our students are learning Hebrew, holidays, history culture, current events, Yiddish, Judaism, and a special course in grade 7 on the Holocaust.

Celebrating the holidays, festivals, Chanukah and Purim, involves songs and dance and plays, bringing parents, students and staff together for a wonderful time. Our music specialist Shirley Steinberg adds much freilich, with her group sing-a-longs and guitar. The Passover model seders involve all the children in a learning and sharing experience not possible through study alone.

The children and parents and staff of our school proudly take part in many of the community wide programs, such as Yom Ha'Atzmaot, the Holocaust memorial and the UJA walk-a-thon. We hope our program not only teaches Judaic knowledge but also Judaic community involvement and responsibility.

The Bertha and Abe Palmer Library, which was started in 1985, is progressing well. With contributions of books and money we are slowly building a library of reference books and Jewish literature that our students can use to broaden their education.

We are involved in a multiple school fund raiser which we hope will be successful. In the meantime, for the benefit and convenience of our parents and staff we are operating a small gift boutique with wares for Passover, Chanukah and Purim.

Because the school is a cooperative, the board of directors is composed of interested parents and parents of former students who have maintained a strong interest in our school. We are like a large family with one goal in mind: to give our children the best education possible and to run a school in the best manner possible. That we have succeeded is evident in the knowledge and feelings of our graduates.

Through the devoted efforts of our principal, Gerry Cammy and his staff of professional teachers, and the hard work of our volunteers, Ottawa Modern Jewish School is still growing and giving a wonderful education to the children of the Ottawa Jewish community after 33 years.

Hillel Lodge — Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged

Sylvia Goldblatt, President
Stephen Schneiderman, Executive Director

In 1985 the Ottawa Jewish Community gave Hillel Lodge a vote of confidence. A fund-raising campaign to make physical improvements to the lodge was generously oversubscribed. Evelyn Greenberg provided the inspiration, Herb Nadolny, Stephen Victor and Avi Iny provided the leadership. Together they organized a team of workers that raised over $600,000. for Operation Facelift. The money is to be gathered in over a five year period. Added to this was Bill Grossman's superhuman effort which brought in contributions to help reduce an accumulated deficit. At the time of this report, the Lodge is experiencing a series of improvements, that I am happy to share with you.

It has been a long time since the Lodge could report a financially solvent position. This has come about because the beds are all filled and there is a waiting list; the Province of Ontario covered off 50% of the 1985 deficit and the Va'ad Ha'Ir made its payment to meet the subsidy needed to maintain low income residents. In addition, to this cheerful financial picture there is good news to report on the staff front.

Although he has been in the job for only nine months, Montrealer Stephen Schneiderman, the new Executive Director, has given Hillel Lodge invaluable leadership. The job sharing of the Social Work role by Benita Blustein and Jo Stern was an important exansion of professional service by the Lodge. This year when Benita decided to pursue another set of interests, Jo Stern agreed to expand her working hours so that Hillel will continue to provide Social Work services to residents, their families and friends. Judith Seale came on staff as the Recreation Director and added her well developed skills in gerontology. Her contribution is very much appreciated. She has recently had her work time expanded from a 2/3 to a 4/5 job. A valued, long-time office employee, Jim Montgomery has been given some additional duties and has been promoted to Assistant Director. Always patient, pleasant and competent, Jim is able to give Stephen a much needed hand in office and administrative areas.

A New Horizon's grant, on which Freda Lithwick had worked very hard, finally came through. It will add some much needed recreation equipment. Thelma Steinman, in her role as President of the Women's Auxiliary, gave leadership that produced excellent results. The Auxiliary continues to make birthday night once a month a happy social event. They create the holiday atmosphere that helps residents to celebrate all of the Jewish holidays. Their loyal members, Gert Goldstein and Goldie Cantor have been instrumental in shopping for the new bedroom furniture for the second floor residents. This includes state-of-the-art beds and mattresses. Nici Kronick chose wallpaper, floor covering, draperies and bedspreads for the eighteen residents on the second floor. For the second floor, the next phase in Operation Facelift is to expand the social and recreation space to give our frail elderly residents and their visitors an attractive area for sitting outside and for serving food. Plans have been submitted to the Province, thanks to the skills of architect, Joe Liff and lots of information gathering by Stephen Schneiderman. On the first floor, work has also moved ahead on plans to replace furniture and decorate the large lounge off the dining room.

Hillel Lodge welcomes visitors who might enjoy a cup of tea with us in the afternoon or a delicious Carl Rothman kosher lunch/dinner. Our beautiful chapel is open to the public, who are members of another shule, to come and pray with our residents. Put us on your list as a place to visit.

The residents, their families and friends, the staff and the volunteers make up Hillel's extended family. The warmth, caring and sharing attitudes of all these family members is what continues to make Hillel a loving home for Ottawa's Jewish elderly population. May we all continue to work at keeping it that way and strive for continuing improvements. This is our moment to say thank you to the Ottawa Jewish Community.

Carleton University's Jewish Studies Programme

Professor Eugene Rothman, Co-ordinator

Carleton University's Jewish Studies programme continued its growth and expansion during the 1985-86 academic year. More than 250 students enrolled in the various courses offered by the Department of Religion in the area of Jewish Studies.

Some of the courses offered were *Introduction to the Literature of the Hebrew Bible* (2 sections), *Introduction to Judaism and the Jewish People* (2 sections), *Life Thought, and Wisdom in Ancient Israel, Judaism and the Jewish People: The Early Period, The Middle East: 1798 to the Present, The Hebrew Prophets*, and, *Seminar in Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies: Jewish-Christian Relations in the First Two Centuries C.E.*

Courses were offered at the undergraduate and the graduate level. Several graduate theses in the area of Jewish Studies were started and one thesis, on the subject of Jewish-Christian relations in Canada with specific reference to the *United Church Observer* in the 1960s, is nearing completion.

Research and innovative programmes were initiated by the three scholars involved in the Jewish Studies programme. The faculty members are: Professor Robert Polzin, Biblical Studies, Professor Eugene Rothman, Modern Jewish History and Middle East History, and Professor S.G. Wilson, Second Temple Judaism.

Professor Polzin has been most active in fostering activities in the area of biblical studies. In this connection, his series, *The Crossroads Bible*, has just published a major work by an Israeli scholar, Meir Sternberg, who will participate in a biblical studies symposium to be held at Carleton in 1986-87.

Professor Rothman continued his work in the use of new media for teaching. The film series on the Middle East produced for class use as well as public broadcasting recently won first prize at the New York Film Festival. In addition, Professor Rothman will be co-chairman of the first Canada-Israel Conference on Communications, to be held at the Hebrew University in June 1986 and in Ottawa in September 1986.

Professor Wilson continues to be active in the area of Jewish-Christian relations. His recent publications in this area have been critically acclaimed.

There are plans for the further expansion of the programme. One area currently under consideration is the possibility of joint summer courses in Jewish Studies and Hebrew at Israeli universities. This may be in place as early as summer 1987.

Agudath Israel Sisterhood

Marcelle O'Hayon, President

Our first meeting, held September 11, was a luncheon meeting followed by M.P. Sheila Copps, speaking on "Women in Politics".

In October we hosted the Eastern Canadian Branch from Montreal. Following the meeting and luncheon, Dr. Iris Richter lectured on "Stress, Health and Coping Within the Feminine Framework".

A tour of Ronald MacDonald House was held in November, led by the well-known interior designer, Giovanni Mowinckel. This tour was held on a Sunday to enable working women and mothers of young children to attend.

Our Chanukah Gelt Luncheon featured a Fur Fashion Show and a sing-a-long with Shirley and Anne Steinberg, plus a lovely, delicious luncheon.

In January Hagid Matras, a lecturer at Hebrew University, presented a slide show and lecture on Jewish Folklore.

A Workshop was held in February. The Ikebana International branch demonstrated the "Art of Japanese Flower Arranging".

In March, Kathryn O'Hara, a T.V. personality spoke to us on "It's Your Money". It was enjoyed by all and was most informative.

A beautiful Shabbat morning was held in April for the Sisterhood Torah Fund Shabbat in which many of our members participated. Following the service we hosted a Congregational lunch.

In May at our closing luncheon, Judge Rosie Silberman Abella was the guest speaker.

Sisterhood's major fund-raiser this year was a Raffle Ticket draw, with two prizes of two complete Kosher dinners for twelve, and two Kosher brunches for 12.

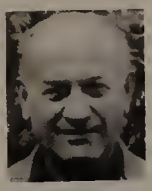
Sisterhood activities for the past year included delivery of Challahs and wine to new members to welcome them to our Shul; the excellent presentation at Arts Alive, under the excellent chairmanship of Gitta Aptowitzer and her helpers; the Sisterhood Gift Shop, which is always well-stocked and provides a great service to our members and the community.

The Malca Pass Library in the new addition is a pleasure to visit. Sisterhood has also combined programs along with Adult Education; this year we enjoyed the family Chanukah Party, and a trip to view the Precious Legacy in Montreal.

Our Nearly New Shop is a great fundraiser for us, as well as serving the community very well.

Our year was busy, but most enjoyable. It made my term as President a fantastic experience.

New Jewish Community Cemetery



Israel Shinder, Chairman

The new Jewish Cemetery at Herbert's Corners is in excellent shape. Our investment in trees and shrubs is just beginning to show and the cemetery will prove to be more beautiful each year as our plantings mature. We have had some mechanical difficulties with our wells and pumps during the year but all problems are now resolved.

We have been fortunate in that the transition from the management under the Marcovitchs to Fred Leclair has been smooth and without problems. Certainly the various cemetery chairmen and the Chevra Kadisha have had nothing but praise for the new management.

My thanks again to the members of my committee: Hy Gould, Harry Hecht, Reuben Kalin and Dr. Norman Tenenbaum. A special thanks to Keith Jeacle and the Council staff for a job well done.

Star of David Hebrew School

Elizabeth Schwartz, Chairman
Hennie Honigman, Principal

This year, the Star of David Hebrew School is celebrating its 10th anniversary. Looking back at the inception of the school (1976), we remember the eighteen students and dedicated parents who pursued their strong feelings for Jewish Education. The Machzikei Hadas Synagogue welcomed these eighteen students with open arms.

Funneling in all efforts to these pioneer students resulted in an educational standard of which we are proud. Today we boast an enrollment of 74 eager students — Kindergarten to Grade VII.

The goal of the school is to make the children aware of their Jewish heritage through the study of history, chumash, dinim (laws and customs) and tefillah. The siddur is used daily to better acquaint them with the services of the synagogue, identify with Israel, the Holocaust and living everyday life as a Jew.

Learning Hebrew as a language enables our students to broaden their outlook on life, and more important, themselves through the study of their culture.

The school has its own library and students are encouraged to read the wide selection of the books and to make use of the reference material available to them.

The school strives to provide the personal touch with enrichment studies and a remedial programme. It has developed quite successfully a system of learning whereby individual attention is given to each student's level of learning and understanding. The student-teacher relationship is one of harmony and our increasing enrollment indicates this factor.

Kindergarten classes are held on Mondays — 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.; Grades I-VI — Monday and Wednesday — 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.; Grade VII — Monday — 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.; Bar Mitzvah classes on Sundays and Wednesdays; Bat Mitzvah class on Wednesday.

Activities:

•Chanukah Programme — our annual programme at Hillel Lodge was outstanding. Residents were very receptive and wished us to return. Arts and crafts which decorated the halls and lounge were made by the students of K.G., Grades I-VII, who sang for the residents and lit candles. Being at Hillel Lodge taught the students what the lifecycle is all about and actually practicing Mitzvot — doing them gave an understanding of and feeling for being Jewish.

•Israel Bond Poster Contest

•Chumash Programme presented by Gr. III took place in the synagogue with Rev. Weissbord presenting Chumashim to the students.

•Purim Arts and Crafts Decorating Party — Purim was celebrated with students all dressed in colorful costumes. Judging was done by the Gr. VII students. A Carnival then was enjoyed by all.

•Passover — Three separate Model Seders were conducted — K.G. Gr. I and II together and Grade III and IV together, Grades V, VI and VII together. Participation was by all students.

•Holocaust — Participation in Community Memorial Service.

•Grades V, VI and VII visited Montreal to view the "Precious Legacy".

•School Shabbaton — Participation by all the students as well as graduates of the school.

•L'Ag B'Omer Outing — games and baseball interschool game.

•Tzedka Boxes collected from the students for J.N.F.

•Tu B'Shevat was celebrated with films, planting of seeds. Encouraging the buying of trees and stamps is an ongoing project throughout the year.

•Gr. VII students throughout the year have had visiting speakers on various topics. A visit to the Jewish Historical Society was a tremendous eye-opener for the students.

•Bar-B-Que and Carnival on June 15 will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the school.

Funding:

The school operates on a lean budget considering the number of students: Star of David Hebrew School Donation Cards. In addition the play *Annie* was sponsored by the school as a fundraiser.

With the complete support of the parents and the understanding of our teachers, the Star of David Hebrew School has become an important entity in the Jewish Community. "Participation and Encouragement" is our Magic Formula.

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Ladies Reception Committee for Newcomers

Miriam Levitin, Chairman

The Ladies Reception Committee for Newcomers to the Ottawa Jewish community is sponsored by the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir.

The Committee members are: Sarah Berke, Rose Betcherman, Ruth Calof, Marcia Caplan, Greta Cohen, Naomi Cracower, Doris Edelstein, Ronnie Gavsie, Vera Glube, Carol Greenberg, Beatrice Hock, Sonia Kizell, Miriam Levitin, Ida Lithwick, Yetta Pearl, Shirley Solomon, Miriam Weiner and Sally Weltman.

We hold two teas a year: one in the spring and one in the autumn. Committee planning meetings are held prior to the teas. Invitations are issued to all known women newcomers, followed up by a telephone call. Transportation is available for those who require it. For the teas, sandwiches and desserts are prepared by the committee members. The guests are welcomed and introduced to one another. A printed list of Jewish Organizations and community activities is distributed. Over the years, many new friendships have been established.

Our Spring Tea was held on June 9, 1985 at the home of Mrs. Sonia Kizell. The Autumn Tea was held on October 27, 1985 at the home of Mrs. Sally Weltman. On June 8, 1986 Mrs. Ronnie Gavsie was hostess to our 59th Tea.

This Committee exists solely for the purpose of welcoming newcomers and offering them friendship.

Agudath Israel Congregation

Dennis G. Newton, President

The past year has been eventful for Agudath Israel. Our members responded very generously to our building fund campaign. Construction of additional facilities such as a Chapel, a new library, meeting rooms, a social hall, a milk kitchen, etc. commenced in June 1985 and are now nearing completion. Aside from alleviating overcrowding during the High Holy Days, these new facilities will provide a more comfortable and essential environment for countless religious, social and family functions for all members of our congregation and the community at large the year round.

Although the Chapel was still under construction during the High Holy Days, parallel services were held in the facility for the first time. Cantor Henry Topas of Montreal and Rabbi Prof. Michael Brown of Toronto, officiated.

Many varied programs were undertaken and successfully carried out.

Our youth program is going extremely well. Junior High School (Kadimah) and High School (USY) held conventions in the fall. A large group went to the National Convention in Toronto. There was a full year of interesting and exciting programs.

We are very fortunate in having a very enthusiastic and hard working Adult Education committee, who provided us with a full calendar of events. The opening program was an "Italian Weekend" featuring Dr. Bernard Cooperman as scholar-in residence on the theme "From Gardens to Ghettos". The next program was a four lecture series on birth and Jewish practices, followed by a Chanukah Party co-sponsored with Sisterhood and the Youth Committee, a breakfast program on patrilineal descent and a Shabbat luncheon program featuring Dr. Conrad Winn.

The highlight of the year was a musical weekend featuring Srul Irving Glick and the Beth Tikvah Choir. They integrated with our choir for Shabbat services and performed in concert the following day.

The Men's Club was completely reorganized and revitalized. We can look forward to a full schedule of programs and events in the year ahead. The first official congregational event in the Chapel was under their sponsorship. A magnificent "Oneg Shabbat was held with a traditional Shabbat dinner. This event was sold out to the disappointment of many of our members. We hope to do it again, perhaps three or four times during the coming year. To complete this year's events, the Men's Club are co-sponsors with Adult Education and Sisterhood of a visit to the Precious Legacy exhibit in Montreal.

Services at the Ottawa Civic Hospital are conducted by the Men's Club the last Shabbat of each month, as well as High Holy Day Services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Our Sisterhood continues to provide us with important cultural events and activities as they outline in their report.

The Nearly New Shop and Bingo are both thriving and contribute immeasurably financially to the healthy financial stability of the Congregation.

This report contains only a brief outline of the ongoing vitality and growth of our congregation. We look forward to more improvements in our physical plant, more family-oriented programs and of most importance, an environment for prayer, involvement and participation we all can share.

My thanks are extended to our clergy, staff, executive and members of the board of their co-operation and efforts in making so much possible.

Foundation for Jewish Education

Martin K. Levinson, Chairman

The Canadian Foundation for Jewish Education is a registered charity. It was set up for the purpose of being able to support Torah education in Canada, Israel, the United States and other countries of the world.

We are pleased to list hereunder the names of the institutions which solicited funds in Ottawa during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1985 and the amounts raised by each of them:

Rabbinical College of Canada	$3736.00
Diskin Orphan Home	3873.10
Rabbinical Seminary of America	1826.00
Beth Joseph Zvi Dushinsky	2539.00
Slabodka Yeshiva	1100.06
Telshe Yeshiva	1241.57
Centre Yeshiva Beth Joseph	505.00
Maor Hagola Rabbinical College	1102.00
Yeshiva Lomza Petach Tikvah	542.00
Yeshiva Torath Emeth	329.00
Heichai Hatalmud	1412.42
Beth Medrash Govoha	1593.00
Yeshiva Gedola Merkaz Hatorah	1097.00
Ner Israel Rabbinical College	1208.00
Knesset Bnei Hagola	2548.00
First Mesifta of Canada	594.00
Ohel Moshe Diskin	1424.00
Ner Israel Yeshiva College	1657.00
Beth Jacob School for Girls	2401.00
Kerem B'Yavneh	262.50
Oir Hachaim Tasher Yeshiva	2808.00
Israel Children's Home	1485.00
	$35283.65

A total of 22 institutions solicited funds in Ottawa and raised a combined amount of $35,283.65. The Canadian Foundation charges a 5% administration fee for this service.

As well, the Foundation acts as a transmittal agent for certain institutions. These funds are sent in from other communities in Canada and the Foundation handles the transfer, scholarship forms and receipting. For this service, a 3% administrative charge is levied.

During the fiscal year under review, the following funds were handled:

Ponevez Yeshiva	$16927.46
Hebrew Theological College	1130.00
	18057.46

Ottawa Jewish Historical Society

Hugo Levendel, President
Shirley Berman, Archivist

A report about the activities of the Ottawa Jewish Historical Society reveals that our association comes into contact with many organizations and individuals outside of our own community. Although most requests come from university students and researchers seeking information about the history of the Jewish community, many others turn to the society for information and photographs for specific programs or publications.

The sources of the inquiries are not always local. We have received a request for material to be used in a documentary about Canadian Theatre that will have its premier showing at Expo '86. Copies of photographs from our collections will appear in a book to be published for the Museum of the Diaspora, Beth Hatefutsot, Israel; and in books published in Montreal and Toronto. One of these is a history text to be used in Catholic High schools. Requests for geneological and historical information from American and other Canadian Jewish communities are common. Such appeals indicate that our community archives have achieved national recognition.

Locally, our resource centre has provided information for numerous projects. These include a local newspaper story which prominently featured the Jews of Centretown, researched and written by Carleton University School of Journalism students, and requests from Heritage Ottawa and City of Ottawa for the use of photographs in city planning.

Because of limited financial resources the community archives continues to be open to the public only two days per week, Mondays and Wednesdays. The arrangement and preservation of collected material is accomplished through the dedication of volunteers who work regularly on Monday afternoons.

Members of the society meet monthly during the winter season to hear invited speakers. This past year, talks were given by Evelyn Miller of Montreal, Anna Bilsky and Anna Feldman. These were respectively: Canada's First Jews; The Bilsky's: Jewish Pioneers; The Jewish Farm Colonies of Saskatchewan. In addition to its regular activities this year the society coordinated arrangements for the presentation of the Commonwealth Jewish Council exhibition in Ottawa.

The society enlists the aid of the community in the collection of material that will expand our ability to be a resource for historians. We also seek support for our work through membership in the society. As the history and archives arm of the Vaad Ha'ir, the society fulfills an important role in the preservation of Ottawa Jewish history for future generations.

Women's Federation

Linda Nadolny-Cogan,
Cally Kardash,
Co-Chairmen

It is said that a tree is as strong as its branches. The Women's Federation this year fulfilled this standard as the various presidents or branches of each organization of the Women's Federation tree combined their enthusiasm, commitment and strong desire to co-operate for the benefit of the entire Jewish Community of Ottawa.

One of our priorities was to further establish an identity for the organizations which made up Women's Federation. This was accomplished through the vehicle of the Women's Federation Forum in the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin*. Each column highlighted several organizations, giving a brief "raison d'etre", with mention of their upcoming events.

Following the mandate set out by the Jewish Community Council, Women's Federation continued the challenging job of maintaining and coordinating a viable community calendar. Ottawa's Jewish Community has grown tremendously. As each of our organizations plan their social, educational and fund-raising events, the availability of a date without confict has become more difficult. The ever present co-operative spirit which existed amongst the member organizations this year certainly helped make this difficult task much easier.

On January 13, Women's Federation, the Soviet Jewry Committee and the Young Business and Professional Division of United Jewish Appeal co-sponsored an evening with Adi Sultanik and Elisheva Flamm.

On April 17, Women's Federation and Women's Division, United Jewish Appeal took sixty people to Montreal to view "The Precious Legacy". In preparation for viewing the Czechoslavakian Art Treasures, an excellent slide presentation and lecture was given in Ottawa by Gita Pearl and Elliot Malomet on April 8th. The day in Montreal also included a visit to the remarkable Golden Age facilities at Cummings House, as well as a tour of the Holocaust Museum.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the community organizations, our many volunteers, and the professional staff for their continuous help and support.

It is doubtful whether there exists anywhere a Jewish Community more involved or more committed to the continuation of Jewish ideals. With this in mind, it is important that the Women's Federation continues to be the strength that unites the Jewish Women's Organizations of Ottawa.

Israel Cancer Fund (Canada)

Estelle Abelson, Ottawa Chairman

Israel Cancer Research Fund (Canada) reports that 15 Fellowships and one Career Development Award were awarded to scientists at major universities and research institutes in Israel this past year.

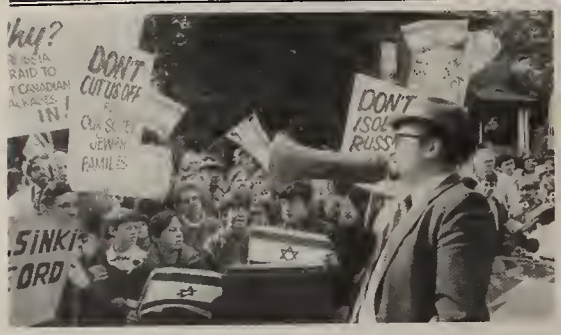
All awards are made upon the recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Board which reviews all applications.

The funds for these Fellowships were raised through memberships, tribute fund donations, the establishment of individual Fellowships, Honour Funds, Memorials, Endowments, and the Annual Gala.

An active group of Young Associates in Toronto and Montreal have raised a substantial sum through Program Book advertisements, gift wrappings, anthletic events, theatre evenings, etc.

Israel Cancer Research Fund has a membership of over 900 families in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto.

ICRF (Canada) and ICRF (U.S.) are the major supporters of cancer research in Israel having funded over 200 Fellowships in the past 10 years.



Soviet Jewry Committee

Rabbi Reuven P. Bulka, Dr. Walter Hendelman, Co-Chairmen

This year has been an eventful year for the Ottawa Soviet Jewry Committee. In the early summer, the Soviet Jewry Committee of Ottawa linked up with the Canadian Friends Group in Toronto for an interdenominational Soviet Jewry Rally in front of the Embassy.

The annual Simchat Torah Rally, held on Sunday, October 6, was addressed by Sheila Finestone, M.P., who had recently returned from a trip to the Soviet Union with other parliamentarians. The attendance at that Simchat Torah Rally was greater than the attendance in previous years. However, with events in the Soviet Union as they are, public opinion and the pressure of numbers are becoming increasingly important. In the past, two or three hundred was considered a good crowd. In the future, we must manifest our concern with the presence of thousands of Ottawa Jews rather than just merely hundreds.

Through the efforts of Ethel Malek, 700 cards were distributed amongst all the synagogues, to be mailed to refuseniks. Some have gone through, and the only way that *some* do get through is by sending *many*.

Ottawa, and specifically the Ottawa Soviet Jewry Committee, was instrumental in helping with the launching of the film on the plight of Soviet Jewry, "Gates of Brass", the opening of which took place at the Congress Centre on October 17, to a full house. Subsequently, this film was showed in every single major city in Canada and as well in Red Deer, Alberta. The film was an effective way of projecting some of the goings on in the Soviet Union to a Canadian public that was not fully aware. The film showing was helped immensely by the continued presence of the Hon. David Kilgour, M.P. for Edmonton Strathcona, who is the chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for Soviet Jewry and a tireless, dedicated public servant.

A solidarity day for Soviet Jewry was held on November 19. On January 13, 1986, in cooperation with the Ottawa Va'ad Ha'Ir, Adi Sultanik and Elisheva Flamm lectured on Soviet Jewry to the Ottawa Jewish community.

On January 20, the birthday of Anatoly Shcharansky, a small group of individuals gathered in the rain and cold in front of the Soviet Embassy to celebrate Anatoly's birthday. We defiantly said that this year his birthday is celebrated with him in prison, but next year he will be free to celebrate his birthday in Jerusalem. Little did we know then that indeed that would be the case, for not long afterwards Anatoly was released, to the delight and exhilaration of the international community, Jewish and non-Jewish. A Shcharansky Shehecheyanu, organized by the Ottawa Va'ad Ha'ir through Simone Goldberg, was held on February 26, at the Jewish Community Centre. Approximately 700 or 800 hundred people attended and it is hoped that these people will form the core for future events involving Soviet Jewry.

Once again the annual National Meeting for Soviet Jewry, was held in Ottawa from March 2-3.

The Soviet Jewry Shabbat was held this year in Beth Shalom West on the Shabbat on April 12, with the guest speaker Martin Penn, Director of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, a man extremely knowledgeable in all aspects of the Soviet Jewry issue.

A third Seder was held on April 27, in front of the Soviet Embassy. This is a new event on the Ottawa Soviet Jewry calendar and is done in coordination with third Seder activities in other Jewish communities across Canada.

Through the initiative of Dr. Walter Hendelman, the Soviet Jewry Committee and the Ottawa Va'ad Ha'Ir have adopted refusenik Yosef Begun.

The Jewish Students Network launched a caravan going from the East Coast all the way to Expo '86, where they protested all the anti-Jewish policies of the Soviet Union. The Freedom Bus stopped in Ottawa on May 14.

Aside from all the activities outlined in this short report, the Soviet Jewry Committee has begun to really solidify itself in terms of having a broad base of involvement from various synagogues and organizations, and people who are dedicated to helping in various aspects. The work of the Soviet Jewry Committee is varied, and it can only succeed if it has the dedication of individuals who are committed to work, and the support of a total Jewish community that comes out in force when called upon for demonstrations. We hope that the work of the Soviet Jewry Committee will continue to have a positive impact on public opinion and that our brethren in the Soviet Union will soon be able to enjoy that most precious of human experiences, freedom.

We conclude the report with a special thanks to Lillian Laks through whose dedication and expertise we have been able to achieve so much on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

B'nai B'rith Parliament Lodge No. 2159

Norman Lesh, President

The summer months are generally enjoyed by everyone, after a long, hard, cold winter. However, B'nai B'rith Lodge presidents are somewhat depressed as they hand over the "gavel" and responsibility of their respective organizations to a new leader due to spring elections. We, of Parliament Lodge, are somewhat fortunate that we will have a dedicated Ben B'rith at our helm come September, when Sid Rothman will start his term of office.

We are confident that in Sid's term, the activities of Parliament Lodge will be expanded beyond the successes we have experienced this past season.

Monthly executive meetings were held at which the main business of the Lodge took place. Attendance of our executives was always quite good.

We were able to combine a number of regular meetings with our executive meetings which exposed some new people to the workings of the Lodge.

Our major fund raising event, "Millionaire's Night" turned out to be both a social and money-making event under the capable chairmanship of Moishe Smith. Seven-hundred and fifty tickets were sold and the grand prize of a 1986 Dodge was won by one of our members, Phil Gennis.

The B'nai B'rith National Convention at Grossingers brought together our members and wives for a few days of camaraderie and policy-making.

We were pleased to have been able to co-operate on combined B'nai B'rith meetings with Bytown and Ottawa Lodges, which started with a most successful Joint Installation Dinner and Dance.

Personal services to the community continued at Hillel Lodge, Rideau Health Centre, C.N.I.B., St. Vincent Hospital, and more, through the dedication of brother Marty Glatt. We also assisted at the Negev Dinner and Hadassah Bazaar.

Our fund raising efforts provided Jewish Students Union, B'nai B'rith Youth, Jewish Social Services Agency, League for Human Rights, Hillel Lodge, as well as many local Jewish and Non-Jewish groups with financial help.

We have held social type functions for members and friends such as Night at the Races, Bowling and Expo Baseball Trips, in order to balance the work activity provided by our devoted membership.

We feel that Parliament Lodge has once again participated within the Ottawa Jewish Community fabric quite effectively and anticipate continuing with even more vigour in the years to come.

Congregation Beth Shalom West

Irving Kulik, Chairman

During the course of the past year, Beth Shalom West gave up its role as a "wandering" synagogue and took on permanent residency in its own building. The building, situated at 15 Chartwell Avenue in the Craig Henry area of Nepean, opened its doors in time for Shabbat services just before Rosh Hashanah 5746. The facility contains a total of over eleven thousand square feet on its two levels.

While the present structure is only Phase 1 of Beth Shalom West's master plan, the building allows for a host of adult and youth programming and of course simchas and other major functions. To date Beth Shalom West has hosted one Bat Torah and one Bar Mitzvah but has already taken reservations into 1987.

In a typical week, we host the youth mishna class, a pre-school drop-in centre, adult tefilla, talmud and chumash classes under the direction of Rabbi Herring and Rabbi Sonnenschein. We have also had two youth shabbatons which were extremely successful and attracted a very large participation.

Our sisterhood, under the chairmanship of Myra Presser, was formed only recently, but has already shown tremendous results. Under its auspices, a mini-bazaar took place in March and an art auction is planned for the fall. Each month a guest is invited to speak on topics of interest or display various crafts. Again these evenings are very well attended.

In terms of special events, Beth Shalom West hosted the Chanukah party for the Beth Shalom community, hosted the Shevah Brachot on the occasion of Rabbi Sonnenschein's marriage to Fran Zimel, and finally hosted a testimonial dinner for Rabbi Basil Herring on April 13. This latter event in particular brought out many of the leaders of the community and all reviews were most positive. Finally, we are planning an open house for the entire community, scheduled to take place in the near future.

In short, Beth Shalom West continues to grow and has more than made its mark in the Ottawa community. As an indication of its renown, more than 650 families have to date contributed to our building campaign. We thank each and everyone for their support and hope to see you at services and simchas in our facility.

Jewish Social Services Agency

Margaret Lederman, Board Chairman
Elaine Rabin, MSW Executive Director

As the Agency enters its seventh year of operation there has been a continued expansion in all programming areas, and in personnel. We now have three full-time staff and three part-time to handle the three core programme areas: Counselling, Immigrant Resettlement and Services to the Elderly (Teleshalom, Friendly Visiting, Shopping, Wheels to Meals, Kosher Meals on Wheels, Yiddish Mobile Library, Adults for Lively Leisure and 50+ Drop-In Centre). But skilled and competent as these six hard working individuals are, the programming goals could not be achieved without the volunteers to whom we offer our deepest gratitude.

A total of 89 volunteers contributed to the following over the past year: the delivery of 2,800 Kosher Meals; made possible 74 shopping and medical trips; 54 friendly visits; 4,015 telephone assurance calls. At the Golden Age and bingo Luncheons 3,079 meals were served and a total of 1,766 individuals were served by the Adults for Lively Leisure. 2,450 Seniors made use of the Drop-In Centre and 26 individuals used the Yiddish Mobile Library.

The staff has been able to settle 15 new families and 20 individuals under the Immigrant Program. As for counselling, 107 new clients were counselled for a total of 499 hours. The staff additionally is responsible for bringing to the Jewish community, via the JSSA News in the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review* interesting and valuable advice on various points of concern.

We thank the Massada Chapter of Hadassah for their preparation of the Golden Age Luncheons, the National Council of Jewish Women for the Bingo luncheons and their funding of the Kosher Meals on Wheels, so ably prepared by the staff at Hillel Lodge. We are also grateful to B'nai B'rith's Parliament and Ottawa Lodges who provided funds and transportation over the past year.

With reference to the expansion previously mentioned, Kosher Meals on Wheels is under review and we are looking to expand from 3 to 5 meals per week. The Agency has a representative on the Vaad Ha'Ir's Committee on Aging, which is in the process of updating the Directory of Services to Seniors. Additionally, the Agency has representatives on the Panel on Individual and Group Services; the Budget and Allocations Committee, the Grants Committee, as well as serves on various committees in the community at large.

The Agency provided 18 Aliyah Assessments of those individuals who have made application to settle in Israel for the Israel Programme Centre. In addition, the Agency maintains a Housing Registry for students.

Activities undertaken in the past year in addition to the abovementioned programmes include the Teleshalom Picnic; the Volunteer Tea; the Soviet Shabbat; the Purim Party; and the Shcharansky Shehecheyanu.

We are looking forward to eventually providing programmes to fill perceived gaps in service, in particular, the Jewish Vocational Services, and to this end, we intend to host an Employment Options Workshop. Also, in cooperation with the Jewish Community Centre, the Agency sponsored a Family Life Education Series.

I would be remiss if I did not praise the staff and members of the Board for their contributions individually and collectively, and for their support for my first year as Chairperson.

Finally, to our funding bodies, the United Way of Ottawa-Carleton, The Jewish Community Council, Federal, Provincial and Regional Granting Agencies and Individual Bequests of Foundation Funds, thank you all.

Israel Program Centre

Nehemia and Irene Dishon, Co-ordinators

The Israel Program Centre endeavours to raise the consciousness, knowledge, and activity of the Jewish community towards Israel. Therefore, we organize Israel-and-Zionist-related events within the community, and promote short and long term experiences in Israel.

This year the Israel Program Centre continued its extensive outreach activities. In conjunction with J.S.U.-Hillel, various programs and opportunities in Israel were presented at university campuses via Israel information tables and Israel Days activities. At the elementary and high school levels, the I.P.C. provided lectures and material pertaining to Israel and the kibbutz. Recently we sent information and background material to a far east student in Newfoundland!

In the framework of the Kibbutz Aliyah Desk, we offer a variety of programs to suit all tastes, including opportunities to study Hebrew and to combine a kibbutz experience with university studies.

At the Centre we are running three discussion groups for people willing to maintain their ties with Israel: "Ayala" (for Israelis who live in Ottawa); "Returnees" (young people who had participated in one of the programs in Israel); and "Chug Ivrit" (informal Hebrew conversations). In addition, "Chug Aliyah" is for families and singles who are planning Aliyah in the near future.

The Israel Program Centre is stimulating Jewish youth to go to Israel. As an extension of the Aliyah Centre in Montreal, we provide assistance to those considering Aliyah. For those seeking to study in high school or university, the Centre is operating as a front desk for the Universities Bureau, Youth Aliyah Dept., etc.

This year the Centre organized a series of Rosh Chodesh lectures in cooperation with the various congregations. Among other things, this provided a platform for visiting professors, some of them through the Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges and brought subject matter of Israeli content to the community. The response and the attendance at these lectures showed that a real interest exists in the community which encourages us to continue to offer such a program next year.

A highlight event, close to Chanukah time, was the performance of one of Israel's top female vocalists: Chava Alberstein. The audience enjoyed this very special evening.

To emphasize the cultural side of Israel, the Centre, in conjunction with the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation and Hillel Academy, had the great honor to host Orna Porat, the Director of the Children and Youth Theatre, and one of the best actresses of the Israeli theatre. Her visit, which was intensive, included lectures to schools and university students, as well as an open lecture at the Jewish Community Centre. Mrs. Porat had the opportunity to meet many artistic and cultural personalities through various receptions. We want to take this opportunity to thank again all of those who contributed so warmly to this successful visit.

To conclude, we want to highlight the friendly cooperation of Mr. Ron Boro, the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Centre and all the staff. We are sure that this cooperation made a contribution which helps us to achieve our goals.

Committee on Grants

Gerald Levitz, Chairman

The Committee on Grants was formed in the fall of 1985 by the Executive Committee of the Vaad. The mandate of the Committee is to ensure that beneficiary agencies are benefiting from all available sources of third party funding for their programs. The Committee serves as a clearing house on Governmental and Foundation grant programs, and seeks out new sources of funding.

Membership consists of representatives of our major beneficiary agencies and community members at large who have some experience in governmental funding and private Foundation.

In its initial phase, the Committee conducted a survey to examine the grants that are presently received by our beneficiary agencies. The second step is the determination of potential sources of new funds.

Discussions have been positive and informative. They serve as an opportunity for participants to stay informed on the policies of funding sources. The Committee has generated a significant amount of cooperation among our agencies in sponsorship of various funding programs.

It is the intent of the Committee to thoroughly examine the network of private Foundations and determine sources of funds for our communal agencies.

The Committee has undertaken a series of meetings with representatives of various levels of government to establish new relationships as well as to strengthen old relationships with those government funding bodies presently assisting some of our beneficiary agencies.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Committee members who have been forthcoming with their ideas and helpful in our discussions.

Women's Division State of Israel Bonds

Simone Goldberg, Chairman

The Women's Division of State of Israel Bonds announces the revitalization of their Division in 1985.

The active campaign time for State of Israel Bonds now starts in the spring and culminates in the fall with the Yom Kippur Appeal.

In 1985 we held the first annual Women's Division Dinner on September 19th at the Westin Hotel. Ten outstanding women from the Ottawa Jewish community were honoured and the results surpassed expectations.

We are happy to see the active involvement of Ottawa Jewish women again in the State of Israel Bonds Organization.

Canadian Society for Weizmann Institute

John Greenberg, Ottawa President

In the summer of 1985 two Ottawa high school graduates attended the 17th Annual International Summer Science Institute at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel. It was the first time Ottawa was represented in this highly selective program for which there are only five Canadian openings.

In 1985 Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Weisz established the Weisz-Adler Memorial Scholarship as a living memorial to their families who perished in the Holocaust. The first proceeds from this fund will be awarded this Spring to one of the outstanding Canadian students selected to attend the 1986 International Summer Science Institute.

The 1985 Weizmann Lecture was held in Ottawa on November 28. Professor Mordechai Milgrom of the Department of Nuclear Physics at the Weizmann Institute spoke on "The Case of the Missing Mass: What is Our Universe Made of?"

Plans are currently under way for a major Ottawa fund-raising event.

Ottawa Friends of Peace Now (Shalom Achshav)

Hinda King, Chairman

Ottawa Friends of Peace Now (OFPN) is a support organization for the Peace Now movement in Israel, which is committed to searching for peace and to preserving both the democratic and the Jewish character of the State of Israel. OFPN is primarily concerned with promoting broad perspective on Middle East issues within the Jewish community. The Ottawa group is affiliated with some 17 other Friends of Peace Now chapters across North America.

During 1985-86, Ottawa Friends of Peace Now sponsored a panel discussion on Kahanism in Israel, held April 6, and entitled "Kahane: Menace or Legitimate Zionist Option?" Three speakers were featured: Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Congregation Machzikei Hadas, Professor Emmanual Gutman of the Hebrew University and Simon Rosenblum, a peace and disarmament activist.

Other activities during the year included in-house study sessions, a talk at Temple Israel's Sunday morning breakfast club, liaison with other North American Peace Now chapters, fund-raising for Peace Now in Israel and participation in the annual North American Peace Now conference, which occurred in November, 1985.

Anyone seeking more information on Ottawa Friends of Peace Now or the movement in Israel is invited to contact: Gabriella Goliger, 238-5602 or David Steinberg, 731-2311.

Beth Shalom Sisterhood

Shelley Schachnow, President

Unfortunately, we had no meetings this year but we were very busy with "special occasions".

Our Succah was beautifully decorated by a handful of volunteers and our Simchat Torah party was well attended as was the joint Chanukah party held at our new satellite shul, Beth Shalom West.

In February, we had a Purim Bake-in at which we baked 2500 hamantashen and distributed them to all the Jewish patients in the hospitals and homes, including Hillel Lodge. We also supplied the Golden Age with hamantashen for their Purim luncheon. The patients in hospital were particularly happy to receive our decorated plates with hamantashen, fruit and candies, and our Purim party was a tremendous success with the largest crowd yet.

We are fortunate to have two terrific women who run a well-stocked gift shop. They worked extremely hard during "Arts Alive" and we reaped the rewards.

At the end of May we gave the community as well as our shul members an opportunity to say a fond farewell to our devoted Rabbi Basil Herring and his family at a cocktail party in their honour.

To end my term of office, I will convene a meeting at which I will have the opportunity of saying "thank you" to all the people who have been dedicated volunteers over the past few years.

Jewish Community Centre

William Shenkman, President
Ron Boro, Executive Director

This past year, the Jewish Community Centre introduced a wide variety of new programs as part of its continuing efforts to serve the changing needs — social, recreational, physical and cultural — of the community it serves.

The Adult Department presented a well-received lecture series entitled "Changes & Challenges" which will be the basis for further exploration of new lifestyle trends, in study group format. It has also begun an outreach program to Jewish seniors in non-Jewish nursing homes and institutions, bringing some Yiddishkeit into the lives of this isolated sector of our community. The Mamme Loshen Chevra, a Yiddish Culture group, sponsored a number of very successful readings, films and plays, which have helped to revive interest in learning Yiddish; an unprecedented number of people are now enrolled in the J.C.C.'s Yiddish language course.

Ottawa Jewish Singles continues to offer popular and innovative activities, culminating in its tremendously successful second annual Inter-City Singles Weekend.

In the Junior Department, the Garinim program for four and five year olds was expanded to a full week and new after-school programs were introduced. The Camp Department, with record-breaking registration and many new program ideas, is headed towards its most successful year ever. Sports, Theatre Arts, and the newly introduced half-day Squirt Camp are swamped. An innovative new program, geared to developing responsibility and independence in the 13-year-old, has generated enthusiasm also. The J.C.C.'s recruitment of University-trained staff reflects its concern for quality as well as quantity in this important community program.

The Teen Department this year has concentrated on outreach. Its new Tween programs have been very successful, attracting many youngsters previously uninvolved in community activities. We have also conducted outreach into high schools and Jewish afternoon schools and are attempting to involve unaffiliated youth as members of the National Capital Council of Jewish Youth.

The Physical Educational Department continues to offer a potpourri of new programs to meet changing needs. Its ski program, which introduced a new adult learn-to-ski class, was the largest ever run. New junior spring programs such as T-Ball, and tennis, softball and golf for teens and tweens, will, we hope, have similar success. The J.C.C. was also very pleased with the success of its first ever teen basketball team, the Capitals, which played well in city-wide competitions. This summer the J.C.C. will be training and sending a group of teens, including a basketball team, to the International Youth Maccabiah.

The entire community came together at the Jewish Community Centre this year to enjoy the festive spirit at our Purim Carnival and to celebrate the love of Israel at our Yom Ha'Atzmaut festivities. Arts Alive '85, featuring Roman Vishniac and the Off-Broadway hit, Hannah Senesh was the cultural high point of the year in our community.

Ottawa Histadrut Campaign

Josef Lebovic, Chairman

The Chairman and Campaign Committee conducted their 63rd Annual Histadrut Campaign during the months of March and April.

Several well-attended meetings were held to organize our Campaign and we wish to extend our thanks to the many canvassers from the Histadrut League and the Na'Amat Pioneer Women.

The blitz telephone canvass was organized by the Pioneer Women on Sunday mornings. This proved to be most successful and was very well received by our contributors.

This year our campaign was dedicated to Camp Geshar and a computer laboratory in the Senator Croll Amal School in Tiberias, Israel. This laboratory will enable teenagers to be taught the basic concepts of programming and computer language as well as learning to design, build and maintain computerized systems. This will guarantee that the youth who graduate from the Senator Croll Amal School will enter the workforce equipped to meet today's technological demands.

Anyone visiting Israel can survey with pride the many fine institutions bearing the proud title of the Ottawa Jewish Community — The Medical Centre in Herzlia, a Cultural Centre in Petach Tikvah, the Youth Centre in Jerusalem, the Jewish Heritage Project in East Jerusalem and the Ottawa Canada Dental Clinic in Dimona.

Many perpetual scholarships and bursaries have been donated to children from under-privileged families to enable them to enrol in Amal Vocational Training Schools.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the many contributors who have donated generously to make these projects a success.

Ottawa Council Hadassah-WIZO

Edith Kizell, President

The members of Hadassah-WIZO continually strive to expand and increase their support to our many projects in Israel. For over 65 years, since the inception of our first Hadassah-WIZO Chapter in Ottawa, our numbers have grown along with our projects assisting women and children in Israel.

September — Hadassah-WIZO Month is celebrated nationally. Ottawa combined WIZO with our Membership Drive and had an evening at Ottawa City Hall. Our guest speaker, Freda Kaet, was warmly received.

Youth Aliyah Campaign had an early-kick-off in June: an Evening with Monte Hall at the Congress Centre. The event was a social success; many of the gentlemen present were moved to become Life Associated Members of Hadassah-WIZO. The official campaign for funds took place in October.

November — Annual Bazaar. Chairmen, Debbie Baylin and Terry Schwartzfeld began implementing plans for 1986 as Bazaar '85 drew to a close. Exciting features are part of the new format.

November 1985 — eight Ottawa members attended the 31st Biennial Hadassah-WIZO Convention in Winnipeg. Though confined for our entire stay to the hotel (due to a severe snow storm), sessions, discussions and noteble guest speakers were enlightening and exhilarating; hospitality of our hostesses was warm and endearing; old friendships renewed, new friendships formed. Among the highlights of the Convention:

1) Maureen O'Neil, Deputy Head, Status of Women, Canada was presented our Decade of Women Award in appreciation of her outstanding efforts to have Zionism is Racism clause removed from the U.N. Decade of Women Forward Looking Document at the Conference in Nairobi in 1985.

2) Ester Hollander was the recipient of the Rebecca Sieff Award. Mrs. Hollander, who fled Ethiopia many years ago, gave a stirring report on her experiences while travelling to Israel, accepted this award on behalf of her fellow Ethiopian Jews and Israel. Since her arrival she has dedicated her efforts to assist WIZO in Israel.

National Executive Meeting of Hadassah-WIZO Canada, April 13-15 held at the Skyline Hotel in Ottawa. Nine Ottawa National Executive members attended. All facets of our organization were discussed, sessions were fully attended by approximately 100 ladies from across Canada. We are pleased to announce that Beverly Swedko has been appointed National Chairman of Medical Services Canada.

Which brings us to our Medical Services Dinner, held in May. Gloria Borts, chairman and her committee formulated an interesting evening; a Fashion Show; a special honoring of all Ottawa Chapters, and our National President, Cecily Peters joined us.

On-going — our newest project — Travel Trips has been well received. Travellers through our services with Universal Travel, Richmond Road, are pleased that their participation gives a helping hand to our Child Day Care Centres in Israel. Travel through us and Israel benefits.

Ottawa has 14 active chapters with individual programs; and one holding chapter. Membership is open and at present numbers approximately 600. The public is always welcome at any of our programs...Youth Aliyah, Hadassah-WIZO Month, Bazaar, Medical Services, etc.

Most of our members are active in various areas of our community.

Jewish Community Campus

Russell Kronick, President

After several years of searching for a facility which would be suitable for development into the Jewish Community Complex, St. Joseph's High School on Broadview Avenue was purchased by the Jewish Community Campus of Ottawa. The community assumed ownership on July 16, 1983 and the building is completing its third full year of operations.

The occupants being Hillel Academy, the Talmud Torah Afternoon School, the Modern Jewish School and the Jewish Community Centre have all been able to operate efficiently and effectively in the new building. The Jewish Community Centre utilized the facility for the first time this past summer for its very successful day camp operation.

The operating budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 1986 was developed by the Board of Directors in consultation with the tenant agencies at $220,000. The formula provides for Hillel Academy to assume 72.5% of the cost; the Jewish Community Centre — 15%; Talmud Torah Afternoon School — 7.5%; and the Ottawa Modern Jewish School — 5%.

Many of the operating problems which surfaced in the initial years have been resolved. Thanks are due to the Director of Education of the Talmud Torah Board and the staff for ensuring the smooth operation.

This past year renovations to parts of the ground floor were undertaken to meet the programming needs of the Jewish Community Centre. This included expansion of the mini-gym into a modern brightly lit multi-purpose room as well as proper office space for the Jewish Community Centre.

Over the course of the year, the board has focused its attention on a number of items including the ongoing capital fund-raising campaign; potential expansion; management of the facility; and ensuring a proper outdoor site facility.

The annual meeting of the corporation will take place in the fall coinciding with a regular Board of Trustees meeting of the Vaad.

The acquisition of 881 Broadview Avenue has been a boon which will have far-reaching consequences for the future of the Jewish community. I urge everyone who has not yet visited the campus to do so and see the attractive facility that is being utilized by a wide cross-section of our population.

I close this report with profound appreciation to the many individuals who have given so much of themselves and their talents to bring the dreams of a Jewish Community Campus to reality.

Jewish Students Union — Hillel

Carolyn Sher, President JSU at Carleton

This year was an exceptional one for JSU-Hillel. Our events were quite successful. It all started with our tremendous 'Touch of Class' bash at the prestigious Ottawa Congress Centre. It was the perfect opportunity for new students to meet and a good time was had by all.

In October, Michael Kerem spoke at Carleton. We held a Sukkah Party, and our movie night was fun. Sol Littman spoke one lunch time to Baker Lounge at Carleton. November featured Alan Shefman at Carleton and the humorous Morley Torgov at the University of Ottawa.

In January, the students worked very hard on the UJA phonathon. We had a great skating party on the canal. We also co-sponsored the evening with Per Anger at Agudath Israel Synagogue.

February and March were busy months. Carleton was the setting for a Human Rights Forum. We had an Israel table during International Week at Ottawa U. Our coffee house was super — an informal party, the best place to meet fellow Jewish students. March was the month for the Network Terrorism Lobby Day. Israel Days were a huge success again this year. David Weinberg spoke on that day at Ottawa U., and Emmanuel Guttman at Carleton. Our closing Purim Party at the Diamond on Elgin St. was the perfect spot to bring the JSU to a close for the school year.

Our weekly information tables on both campuses were an important feature all year. We established an executive core group, with a dedicated number of students.

Now that the summer is around the corner, we are busy planning special summer activities for all those students staying in Ottawa for the summer, or those returning home from university. This is a great opportunity to meet new people — do not pass it up!

Ottawa Hebrew Free Loan

William Grossman, President
Charlotte Slack, Executive Secretary

We are now in our 53rd year of operation and to date have granted 2631 loans. The Free Loan Association has been of particular benefit to many Russian arrivals who came to Canada with very little worldly goods.

Money is loaned in sums up to $1,000. to applicants without charge of interest or expense of any kind.

The Officers of our organization at present are:
Honorary President: Solomon Zelikovitz.
Immediate Past President: Thomas Sachs.
President: William Grossman.
Vice-Presidents: Hyman Gould, Joseph Zelikovitz, Reuben Kalin.
Treasurer: Charles Wiseman.
Executive Secretary: Charlotte Slack.
Honorary Solicitor: Kenneth Radnoff.
Honorary Accountant: Issie L. Landau, C.A.
Executive Committee: Lazarus Greenberg, Benjamin Feinstein, David Zelikovitz.
Directors: Benes Cantor, Mrs. Mildred Drazin, Mrs. Sonia Kizell, Mrs. Leon Petegorsky, Herman Roodman, Hy Roodman, Carl Rosen, Rabbi Mordecai Y. Berger, Rabbi Dr. Reuven P. Bulka, Rabbi Arnold Fine, Rabbi Dr. Basil F. Herring, Rabbi Sanford T. Marcus.
Israel Branches Co-Chairman: Solomon Zelikovitz, William Grossman.
Vice-Chairmen: Isaac Levine, Misha Zbar.
Israel Secretary: Mrs. Esta Friedman.

Our branches in Israel are very active and continue to render valuable service to hundreds of needy Israelis especially since the influx of Russian Jewry. The personnel in charge are extending valuable service to our organization.

We wish to point out that Wills and Bequests have been of valuable assistance to us, helping to increase our aid to those in need. So, please remember the Hebrew Free Loan Association in your will.

B'nai B'rith Ottawa Lodge No. 885

Jack Smith, President

Ottawa Lodge No. 885 has again fulfilled its mandate of "People Helping People" over 65 years in the Ottawa Jewish community. Through the efforts of our Community Volunteer Service, under the chairmanship of Morley Bodnoff and Issie Hoffman, the weekly Hillel Lodge Bingo and entertainment at the Children's Hospital has been well-staffed and the Lodge's 16-passenger bus is regularly available to Hillel Lodge and the Golden Age Group.

Over the past year Ottawa Lodge was very active in fund-raising through its Car Draw. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Allen Feldberg and Allan Shusterman, the weekly Bingo was recently reinstated. This past April saw Bill Kincaid honoured as "Citizen of the year for 1985". Mr. Kincaid became the 29th recipient of this citation in recognition of his many years of service to the Ottawa community. Close to 300 people attended the dinner in his honour.

Due to a dedicated Camp Board, presided over by Stephen Tanner and 25 representatives of Chapters and Lodges from Ottawa, the Lodge has successfully run Camp B'nai B'rith for over 50 years. The Lodge saw to it that last year 21 Israeli orphans participated in the camp program and we are similarily committed to another 25 this year.

The Lodge also supports local BBYO and Hillel Students on Campus.

We look forward to 1986-87 by having another successful year. Remember that when our Lodge members volunteer and get the job done, the community benefits!

The following constituted the 1986-87 executive: President: Jack Smith; Vice-Presidents: Barry Davis, Moe Segal, Louis Honigman; Treasurer: Louis Goldmaker; Record and Corresponding Secretary: Kurt Orlik; Financial Secretary: Allan Feldberg; Trustees: Gary Berezin, Mike Eisenstat, Ben Karp, Gabe Karlin, Jack Feldberg, Morley Bodnoff, Al Bloom, Sam Shapiro, Allan Shusterman, Irving Gershkovitch, Jeff Pleet, Lawrence Tapper, Syd Bosloy.

National Council of Jewish Women

Brenda Sugarman Saslove, President

The Ottawa Section of National Council of Jewish Women is enjoying a busy and productive year. In keeping with our guidelines, we are dedicated to furthering human welfare locally, nationally and internationally. Our goal is to serve the individual and the community through education, service and social action.

In the fall our annual Israeli Brunch raised funds for the Israel Family Counselling Association and throughout the year donations to this agency to honour friends and family are acknowledged with our Eva Prager cards. We continue to support the Meals on Wheels program of the Jewish Social Services Agency and the Golden Age Club. We provide scholarships to Carleton University and the Ottawa School of Art. We welcome new Canadians at Citizenship Court and are involved in the production of the Shalom Ottawa community television show. We contribute to Arts Alive, the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations and the U.J.A. campaign. Our Irene Samuel Fund, supported by the sale of cards, helps provide scholarships to Canadians who are studying to be teachers of Hebrew and Judaic studies in our Jewish Schools. We lobby actively on behalf of Soviet Jewry and the sale of our serviettes ensures the continuation of telephone calls to refuseniks and activists in the U.S.S.R. Last spring, the proceeds from our Art Raffle went to furnish a music room at Hillel Lodge in memory of our outstanding former president, Merida Sachs.

We are very proud of our Study Group which has had several interesting and successful programs and whose last fundraiser was in aid of Tamir House. Our Gourmet Group functions independently but recently presented a luncheon in honour of our National President Sheila Freeman and National Executive Director Eleanor Appleby. Last June, Ottawa was privileged to welcome sections from across Canada at the 23rd Bienniel Convention of N.C.J.W. Next spring, Canada will be host to the Trienniel Convention of the International Council of Jewish Women and Ottawa section is hoping to send a strong contingent to Vancouver for the event.

This year, through our national office, we launched a highly successful new project: the selling of highway emergency banners. The banners which can be affixed to the front and rear windshields of your car, say "Call Police." They are particularly useful for highway driving and for both seniors and mothers of small children who do not want to leave the safety of their automobile to seek help. We consider the banners a public service.

Our major fundraising project this year is in two parts and is called "For Art's Sake." We are holding a gala reception to help support our ongoing commitments. We are also selling raffle tickets, the proceeds from which will aid Amethyst Women's Addiction Centre and the Rape Crisis Centre.

National Council of Jewish Women is a well respected voice in the spheres of human rights, pension reform and women's issues. We are proud of our commitment and service to the Jewish and general community.

Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges

Professor Eugene Rothman, Academic Director
Professor Maureen Molot, Associate Academic Director

The 1985-86 academic year was one of the most active in the ten year history of the Canada-Israel Foundation, for Academic Exchanges.

Twelve visiting professors were appointed Canada-Israel Exchange Fellows at Canadian universities. They were Emanuel Gutmann (Hebrew University) at Carleton's School of International Affairs and Department of Political Science, Ahmos Rolider, (Haifa University) at Mount St. Vincent's (Halifax) Department of Psychology, Silvio Yeschua, (Tel Aviv University) at Laval University's Department of Literature, David Gaatone (Tel Aviv University) at Université de Montréal's Department of Comparative Literature, Shmuel Ben-Dor (Ben Gurion University) at Concordia's Department of Anthropology, Yosef Olmert (Tel Aviv University) at York University's Departments of History and Political Science, Aron Shai (Tel Aviv University) at University of Toronto's Department of History, Ora Schwarzwald (Bar Ilan University) in York University's Department of Hebrew, Josef Schwarzwald (Bar Ilan University) in York University's Department of Psychology, Zemira Mevarech (Bar Ilan University) at University of Alberta's School of Education, Shlomo Hasson (Hebrew University) at University of British Columbia's Department of Geography, and Professor Michael Cohen, (Bar Ilan University) at the University of British Columbia's Department of History.

All the scholars made a tremendous contribution to their respective institutions and communities. They taught both undergraduate and graduate courses, supervised student research, lectured widely before Jewish and general audiences and appeared frequently on radio and television. An indication of the impact of these scholars is the number of universities that are appointing additional Israeli visitors at their own expense or are applying to join the program.

The past academic year also saw the expansion of the Foundation's program designed to assist Canadian scholars wishing to visit, teach and carry out research in Israel. The Foundation administered the Government of Canada's Canadian Studies Program at the Hebrew University.

In addition, the Foundation and the Quebec Government administered the Quebec lectureship, whereby an Israeli scholar visited and lectured at major Quebec universities, and a Quebec scholar made a counterpart visit to Israel.

Finally, the Foundation facilitated occasional exchange between Israel and Canada with the assistance of learned societies and institutions of higher learning in both countries. A further development in this connection is the Foundation's involvement in encouraging joint conferences between Israeli and Canadian universities. The first such conference on conflict resolution in the Middle East, between Tel Aviv University and York University was held in fall 1985.

The 1986-87 academic year promises to be as active. The foundation expects to have eleven visiting Canada-Israel Exchange Fellows at the following universities: Laval (Political Science); Concordia (Political Science); Carleton (Psychology); York University (Political Science); University of Toronto (Psychology); University of Calgary (History); University of British Columbia (Political Science, Geography); and Simon Fraser University (Humanities).

In addition, there will be a major expansion of reverse exchange under the auspices of the Hebrew University's Canadian Studies Program, the Quebec Lectureship and the Foundation's general exchange program. It is expected that approximately 15 to 20 Canadian scholars will visit and work in Israel.

Finally, the Foundation has embarked on an endowed chair programme. The first chair to be endowed is at the University of Calgary where grants totalling $750,000 were obtained from the Belzberg Family, the Kahanoff Foundation and the Government of Alberta.

OMJS students learning about Purim in Yiddish.

Congregation Beth Shalom

Irving Rivers, President

The past year at Beth Shalom has been one with a certain amount of joy and a certain amount of sadness.

Throughout the summer, many of our members eagerly watched the course of construction on Chartwell Avenue, asking the all important question, will it be ready on time?

The answer was yes, and on the Shabbat prior to Rosh Hashanah, services were held for the first time with great joy at the new Beth Shalom West facility. The High Holidays which followed were attended by a packed house and were thoroughly enjoyed by all. The efforts of Howard Nadler, Irving Kulik and Ed Fine in seeing to it that there would be a building, ready as promised, are to be commended.

At the same time, High Holiday services on Chapel Street were well attended and the able efforts of our clergy were appreciated by all. Special thanks are due to David Woolfson who, for the last several years has read the Torah on the Yomtovim, as well as to the members of our choir — Chuck Polowin, Eli Rabin, Jack Young, Leon Leckie, Maynard Kriger, Al Shapiro, Harvey Morin, Ian Schwey, Michael Shapiro and Joel Sachs — who again performed admirably.

On the Sunday preceding Succot, an Open House was held at Beth Shalom West to enable our members, particularly the downtown members, to view the new facility. Both facilities experienced large crowds on Simchat Torah, as young and old alike participated in the completion of the cycle of reading the Torah and the commencement of a new cycle, and in addition, enjoyed the kiddushim at both locations.

The fall and winter season brought the usual ongoing programs, including the Shabbat afternoon Talmud Class, the weekly Chumash class, a personal development class, and various special Shabbosim. The monthly Sunday morning brunch included speakers on a range of topics, in such areas as local politics, Israeli politics and Jews of Commonwealth lands.

In the area of youth programming, there was a successful Shabbaton at Beth Shalom West, attracting 60 children and a Monday evening Mishna club. Also the girls in the Bat Torah class met every Monday evening.

In keeping with the tradition which has been established, members of both facilities got together for Chanukah and for Purim. Beth Shalom West hosted the Chanukah party which was a tremendous success, the facility being completely filled. On Purim the membership gathered at the Chapel Street location in the evening for the reading of the Megillah followed by refreshments and entertainment.

The New Year started on a sad note with the announcement in January by Rabbi Basil Herring that he was leaving. It is fitting that, prior to the announcement, Beth Shalom West had decided to hold a testimonial dinner honouring Rabbi Herring who is the man most responsible for the existence of Beth Shalom West and for the success achieved to date by our west end branch. This dinner was held just prior to Pesach.

A more pleasant note, was the welcoming to our congregation of a new Rebbitsin, as Rabbi Sonnenschein was married in March. We welcome Fran Sonnenschein to our congregation, and wish them much happiness.

As this edition of the *Bulletin* goes to press, Beth Shalom is preparing to bid farewell to Rabbi Herring, Sherri and family at a cocktail party in their honour. We want to wish the Herring family long life and success in future endeavours and wish to thank them for their contribution to our shul and to the larger community.

In the coming year, as we welcome a new Rabbi into our midst, we are confident that Beth Shalom will continue to provide for its members in the manner expected of it, and will be able to build on the strong base of those who have served the synagogue in the past.

Na'Amat Pioneer Women

Leslie Shinder, President

As my term in office as president of Ottawa Na'Amat Council draws to a close, I look back on two very successful and satisfying years. I must thank all the Council members for their support and help which has made my job an easy one.

We started our year by hosting Na'Amat Pioneer Women's National Board meeting in the fall. It rejuvenated and encouraged us to hear about the successes nationwide that support our worthwhile and vital installations in Israel. At that meeting our new field worker, Mrs. Debbie Weiss, was thrown head first into our organization. She has tackled the job beautifully. We are proud to announce th formation of our newest chapter, Nitza, comprised of young professional women. We wish them much success.

The fall also found us hard at work on the 36th edition of the Ottawa Jewish Reference and Telephone Directory. Freda (Fritzie) Frankel has again shown us what hard work and diligence can do. I hope you enjoy using the 1986 version of this invaluable book. Our sincere thanks to Fritzie for a superb job.

Chanukah found us singing, fressing and generally having a good time at the home of Ethel Malek. We were also supporting our "Dollars for David" campaign which helps orphans and underpriviledged children in Israel.

Activities tend to quiet down over the winter as many members are fortunate enough to head for the sunny south. But for those who remain, regular meetings continued with a variety of interesting guest speakers and programs.

At Purim we were treated to a sing-song led by one of Nitza's members, Cindy Minuk. We also had a Purim schpeel led by Miriam Paghis. A good time was had by all.

An annual occurrence in the spring is the Histradrut Campaign. This year was no exception. My sincere thanks to all who helped.

May 22nd found our women hard at work manning a booth at Carlingwood Shopping Centre for our third annual Book and Bake sale. Debbie Krebs deserves a big thank you for her hours of hard work planning this event.

As our installation evening draws near I want to thank all who have helped me over the last two years and to wish the incoming executive much success during their term in office.

Canadian Associates, Ben-Gurion U.

Dr. Erwin Koranyi, President
Ottawa Branch

The Ottawa Branch of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University continued to play an important role in the Ottawa community.

In September, Branch President, Dr. Erwin Koranyi, delivered a lecture to the Psychiatric Staff of the University's Medical School.

Professor Chaim Elata, Rector and Acting President of BGU, visited Ottawa in November. Addressing an overflow meeting of Ottawa supporters, he emphasized the importance of higher education to the future of Israel, so dependent on a skilled and trained workforce for its economic progress and safety. The current economic crisis makes the universities more than ever in need of the support of the Jewish people throughout the world. This need is greatest for Israel's youngest institution of higher education, Ben-Gurion University, which is charged with the national mission of helping to develop the Negev and bring the larger half of the landmass of the country into the mainstream of Israel. The meeting was arranged by Edie Koranyi and Susannah Dalfen.

The Louis Rasminsky Fund for Social and Cultural Integration, established in 1983 in tribute to this respected and distinguished leader, is devoted to bridging Israel's social gap. This year, the Rasminsky Fund is concentrating on two programs of assistance in the integration of recently-arrived Ethiopian immigrants. One is a tutoring project of Ethiopian children in Beer Sheva elementary schools, to help them move fully into regular school programs and reach their full potential. The second is in the University's innovative "open apartments" program, providing rent-free housing for needy BGU students who in turn serve as counsellors, friends, community animators and, most significantly, role models for the neighbourhood.

In March, anthropologist Shmuel Ben-Dor, of the University's Department of Behaviourial Sciences, addressed a gathering at the Israel Program Centre. Prof. Ben-Dor is a visiting professor at Concordia University, under the auspices of the Canada Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges.

The year will be rounded out by a visit to the University of a National Arts Centre Orchestra Association tour, led by Evelyn Greenbero.

The Branch is looking forward to celebrating the David Ben-Gurion Centennial year, which begins in October 1986, and to intensifying its efforts to assist the University which bears his name.

Young Israel of Ottawa

Dr. Norman Tenenbaum, President

The past year, 5746 (1985-86) has been a very productive one for Young Israel and its congregants. Many new programs were implemented, and the congregation experienced a surge of revitalization.

Perhaps the most successful and popular new program for the shul is "Kosher Delight". Every Sunday night, from 4-7 p.m., a fast food family program operates out of the hall. This program, open to the community at large, has brought in new people from all over the city.

Another very successful program is the Junior Congregation, led by Rabbi Wenger every Shabbos morning. A group of 20-25 children enjoys the stories, games, snacks and songs. Everyone enjoys this program — especially the parents who are reassured that their children are being entertained constructively.

Every Shabbos Mevorchim, (the Shabbos before a new month), the entire shul participates in a kiddush lunch. Delicious Shabbosdikke food, (usually prepared by our own Issie Scarowsky or Yosef Caytak), words of Torah given by our Rabbi, and beautiful zmiros enhanced by Mr. Sherman, senior.

Many Torah classes are presently going on — for men and women alike. Rabbi Berger gives a class for women Shabbos afternoon, along with many other classes at different times.

Ottawa Carleton Committee League for Human Rights

Michel Shore, Chairman

Michel Shore chaired the Ottawa-Carleton Committee of the League for Human Rights (OCCLHR) over the 1985-86 activity year. During that period, the OCCLHR focussed on programs and continuity.

During the Ottawa hearings of the Deschenes Commission's inquiries into the presence of Nazi war criminals in Canada, the OCCLHR (whose Immediate Past Chairman, Howard M. Spunt, had first sought *amicus curiae* status for the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith) appeared regularly. Its interventions were regarded as most valuable by B'nai B'rith Canada, and served to heighten the visibility of the Organization both locally and nationally.

Largely through the efforts of the OCCLHR, monies were raised and committed to ensure the culmination of the Wallenberg Park project initiated in 1983. Thus, a commemorative stone will in the near future be erected to grace the park dedicated in Nepean to Raoul Wallenberg. Vera Gara, an active member of the OCCLHR since its inception, remains instrumental in this undertaking.

Through the efforts of member Rose Shentow, the Ontario Teachers' Federation passed a resolution calling for the granting of honorary citizenship to Raoul Wallenberg. A motion was also made to have the parent body, the Canadian Teachers' Federation, adopt a like resolution.

Efforts were continued to lobby parliamentarians with a view to honorary citizenship for Raoul Wallenberg. In December, 1985, representatives of the OCCLHR were delighted to sit in the Visitors' Gallery when the motion was passed unanimously, sponsored by M.P.s Roland de Corneille and Guy Ricard, and seconded by M.P. Ian Deans. Furthermore, Michel Shore was invited to say a few words on behalf of the League for Human Rights at the Reception held in January, 1986 by the Speakers of the House and the Senate, to celebrate the first time in Canada's history that honorary citizenship was granted.

A formal structure was set out for the OCCLHR during the year, including a number of Officers such as Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Financial Management Officer, and a number of subcommittees such as Parliamentary Relations and University Programs. A set of up-dated Bylaws were developed and now constitute an official internal document.

Other activities of the OCCLHR included a joint OCCLHR/J.S.U.-Hillel program mounted by members Jeff Sidney and Mitch Weinberg. Held at Carleton University in February, 1986, the program dealt with the difficulties facing refugees in Canada.

As of June 1, 1986, the OCCLHR is to have two Co-Chairmen for its next activity year. They are Sheila Teitelbaum and Myer Herzig. Their appointment marks another turning point for the Committee, which looks forward to a successful and productive year.

Association for Enrichment of Jewish Heritage

Rabbi Eliezer Wenger, Director

The Association for Enrichment of Jewish Heritage has been servicing the Greater Ottawa community since 1977. It offers a summer day camp, Gan Israel, Gan Israel Afternoon School, the Jewish Radio Program and cultural programs geared for high school and university students. This year the association undertook two new projects, the Tzivos Hashem and Kollel Tiferes Zekainim.

Gan Israel Day Camp has serviced hundreds of children. The camp provides a vigorous recreation program with many exciting trips. Two olympic swimming pools for swimming and instructional swimming, rowing and canoeing, and horseback riding are some of the regular activities children experience at Gan Israel. All of this is supplemented with a beautiful Jewish experience of songs, stories, etc. One of the highlights of the summer is the camp banquet where the parents, campers and counselors share in an evening of camp spirit. The camp is located in the Graham Park Centre in Nepean.

The association also offers an afternoon school, Gan Israel Afternoon School which is located at the Graham Park Centre in Nepean. The classes meet two days a week, and the students are offered courses on Hebrew language, Torah, Israel, reading, writing, etc. Registration is now being accepted for the 1986-87 school year.

Each Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. on Radio Station CKCU-FM 93.1 Ottawa's Jewish community is treated to a wide selection of Jewish music, stories and information of interest to the community. Hosted by Rabbi Mordechai Berger, the Sunday Simcha has brought Jewish culture to thousands of households in Ottawa.

The Tzivos Hashem program is geared to children under Bar and Bat Mitzvah age, and will include rallies (get-togethers) and outings for the children. Children will be given an opportunity to grow in their Jewish identity and pride. It was Tzivos Hashem that recently sponsored a community wide Uncle Moishy concert which was well attended by hundreds of children and parents.

Kollel Tiferes Zekainim, which is under the directorship of Mrs. Toby Belkin and Aharon Mayne is a Torah Study program for the senior citizens of our community. Classes are held at the Young Israel of Ottawa and at Hillel Lodge.

The Outreach program includes a variety of cultural programs for youth of our city, such as visitation in the high schools, Tfillin, Model Sedorim, with the goal of this program to expose Yiddishkeit to as many students as possible.

Women's Auxiliary of Hillel Lodge

Thelma Steinman, President

The role of the Women's Auxiliary at Hillel Lodge is vital in the services and care for the residents. Our mission is to bring comfort, contentment and loving care, to give each resident a sense of individual attention and personal appreciation.

The Auxiliary operates as a district and separate entity from the Board of Directors of the Lodge. Sources of income are derived from two annual teas, sale of arts and crafts, life memberships, cards for all occasions, a raffle, as well as personal donations. During Succoth, the residents enjoy Kiddushim supplied by the Auxiliary in the appropriately decorated succah. We put on a Chanukah party that features entertainment, music and refreshments as well as Chanukah gifts for each individual resident.

Purim is observed by presenting each resident with shalach monot, including the traditional hamantashen that are baked and donated by the Beth Shalom Sisterhood. Passover is an impressive experience at Hillel Lodge. A number of guests join the residents at the seder table, where each one participates in the ritual of the service.

Birthday parties are celebrated each month. The Auxiliary donates refreshments, birthday cakes and birthday gifts to round out a "happy birthday" afternoon.

In order to improve the physical environment, the Auxiliary has purchased wheelchairs, books and tapes, bedspreads, lawnchairs, tablecloths and various other essentials, such as mirrors, hair blowers and hair brushes.

Recently we purchased a third whirlpool bath to provide effective bathing for all.

The residents and volunteers have enjoyed many social events together especially during the summer months, when garden parties were graciously hosted by Rachel Nadolny, Dina Edelson, Marilyn Newman, Babe Dubinsky and Evelyn Greenberg.

With gratitude, I thank my executive (a fine group of young ladies they are), and my sincere appreciation to the dedicated volunteers who say "Wednesday is Hillel Day".

The Women's Auxiliary looks forward to more volunteers to help provide our residents with the "haimesha" atmosphere and comforts of home.

Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review

Simone Goldberg, Chairman
Cynthia Engel, Editor

The Bulletin is produced regularly every second week during the 10 month period from September through June, and once each during the summer months of July and August. Its size, dictated by content requirements, can run anywhere from 20 to 36 pages. During this past year, the average was 28 pages per issue.

In addition to the regular issues of the Bulletin, a 'Special Edition' is produced annually to coincide with the Annual Meeting of the Ottawa Jewish Community, slated for Wednesday, June 11 this year. The 'Special' contains reports from all the agencies and organizations which comprise the community and gives a comprehensive overview of events and achievements during the past year.

The original — and current — purpose of the Bulletin is to keep the community apprised of Vaad decisions and activities, as well as reflecting and reporting on the many events which take place within the Ottawa Jewish community. As a vehicle for disseminating information to the community, it is used by the various organizations to publicize events and programs. Local organizations who do not already take advantage of the publication are invited to use the Bulletin in this way.

Over the years, in an attempt to keep our readers abreast of the larger Jewish scene, the Bulletin format has grown to include a number of articles of national and international interest. These are culled from sources such as the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Canadian Jewish Congress and The Canada-Israel Committee, among others.

Efforts to add a little spice to the publication have met with overall communal approval. Alyce Baker's regular recipe column "Always in Good Taste' continues to satisfy even the most discerning of palates; Ian Sadinsky's sports-cum-gossip column, "Sadinsky in Right", which graces the Jewish Community Centre pages has become a must for afficianados of his delightfully breezy style of writing; and author Sharon Drache regularly finds the time to provide food for thought in her well researched in-depth book reviews. New to our pages this year have been profiles of deserving community members expertly cratted under the byline of the talented David Ingre.

The Jewish Community Centre pages have blossomed under the tender loving care of Estelle Meltzer. The Centre uses the Bulletin regularly to inform the community of its wide variety of programs available for all ages.

Advertising in the Bulletin took a giant step forward this year, and it is hoped the trend will continue. Unquestionably, for anyone or any firm interested in reaching the Ottawa Jewish community, the Bulletin is the route to take. As well, an increasing number of people are opting to share their good news with our readers: engagements, marriages, birth announcements and graduations. Additionally, many readers have found the Bulletin an excellent vehicle in which to express their gratitude for kindnesses shown during difficult times.

Holocaust Memorial Committee

Mendel Good, Chairman

Over the last twelve years the Holocaust Memorial Committee has been involved in many projects ranging from the building of a memorial at the cemetery up to and including the Canadian Gathering of Holocaust Survivors and Their Children last year.

During those years we have created a Holocaust curriculum for high schools and lectured at many local and out-of-town schools. We have collected Pages of Testimony and recorded them at Yad Vashem. We have worked closely with the League for Human Rights in the planning and building of the Raoul Wallenberg Park. We have organized a number of Holocaust exhibits which were open to the public and attracted a large segment of the Jewish and non-Jewish population.

At present we are working on the establishment of a permanent Holocaust Resource Centre in Ottawa.

Once a year we hold a Yom Hashoah commemoration including presentations by all the Jewish schools and a candle-lighting ceremony involving survivors and members of the second generation.

This year, our Yom Hashoah took place on Sunday, May 4 at the Jewish Community Cemetery. Gerald Berger, President of the Vaad Ha'Ir brought greetings from the community. The Ambassador from Israel to Canada, His Excellency Eliashiv Ben-Horin, spoke eloquently on the need to remember our past in order to ensure our future. As long as Israel remains strong, there can never be a repetition of the inhumanity of the Holocaust. Our guest speaker, David Kilgour, M.P., who has worked tirelessly on behalf of human rights and therefore ensured a special place for himself in the hearts of the members of the Ottawa Jewish community, spoke about the need not only to remember the awful dark days of the Holocaust, but to learn from those times that we must not be silent to the fate of our brethren held captive against their will in the Soviet Union.

The memorial flames were lit in remembrance of the Six Million who perished, by Zelaine Shinder, Mrs. B. Lipsky, Dr. A. Robert, Alex Rothman, Rabbi Gershon Sonnenschein and Elly Bollegraaf. The legacy was read in Yiddish with emotion by Leah Kalin; the acceptance was read in English by her son Zev Kalin. As always, students of all the religious schools were invited to participate in our program. This year our program included representatives of Hillel Academy, Star of David School, Temple Israel Religious School and Ottawa Modern Jewish School.

Rabbi Dr. Reuven Bulka of Congregation Machzikei Hadas gave a very moving sermon. Cantor Pinchas Levinson concluded the ceremony with a rendition of the Haskara, Alenu and the recitation of Kaddish.

Over the years I have done my utmost, together with my co-chairman Harry Hecht, to serve our community in the capacity to which I had been appointed. Whatever was done was with the hope of creating an everlasting tribute to our dear ones who perished during the Holocaust. The time has come to pass the torch of remembrance on to others, for them to educate the generations to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the leaders of the marvellous community, the staff and the community-at-large for their support and their help in all our undertakings.

Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth

Dr. Baruch Diena, Chairman

The Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth is the sole community kashruth-granting agency in the city. As such, it supervises kosher food production and preparation in key institutions and establishments. It disseminates news and information to provide the Jewish community with complete details on the observance of kashruth and the availability of kosher products and services.

During the year, the Vaad Hakashruth continued to provide kashruth supervision at United Kosher Meat and Deli and Pelican Fishery on Richmond Road. At Rideau Bakery, bread and bread products produced at its Bank Street plant were under the Vaad's supervision and were kosher and pareve. In addition, challah was taken nightly. Dairy products and orange juice produced by Dominion Dairies were granted certification for Passover use.

The Vaad was also responsible for ensuring kashruth at the following synagogues: Beth Shalom, Agudath Israel, Young Israel, Beth Shalom West and Machzikei Hadas; as well as Hillel Lodge, the Jewish Community Centre, B'nai B'rith and Gan Israel summer camps, Jack Smith's Kosher Catering and Jack Edelson Catering.

The Vaad also continued its publicity program of bringing a greater awareness of kashruth to the community through its regular Kosher Corner column in the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review* and through the Emunah-Mizrachi calendar.

During the coming year, new requests for kashruth certification are anticipated from a number of establishments.

Temple Israel

Frank Rosen, President

Temple Israel, Ottawa's only Reform Congregation, was founded in 1966 and has grown to a membership of 291 families. The Temple is a member of the Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Rabbi Sanford Marcus has been the spiritual leader.

Temple Israel offers services every Shabbat: Friday evening and Saturday morning. For those who wish to participate, an hour of Torah Study precedes the morning service. Friday evening services are often followed by special programs such as the showing of the film *Dark Lullabies* or presentations by Temple members. This year Temple Israel hosted the CCLC Shabbat for Reform congregations from Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton and Calgary. Rabbi Daniel Syme, Vice President of the UAHC gave the sermon "To Be A Messenger." There is a monthly Shabbat Family Dinner as well as regular Children's Services for students of the Religious School.

Temple Israel Religious School meets twice weekly with 126 students in attendance. Classes range from pre-Kindergarten through Grade 10. A student-teacher program trains Temple graduates as potential teachers for the school. This year two successful professional development days were held for the staff. The school program is integrated with Temple activities, thereby ensuring that the children are aware of both their heritage and the traditions of Reform Judaism.

The Senior Youth Group of Temple Israel (F.R.O.S.T.Y.) has an enthusiastic membership and is one of the largest youth groups both in Ottawa and the Northeast Region. F.R.O.S.T.Y. is an active participant in the National Capital Council of Jewish Youth on the local level. Regionally, members have been represented at events in Rochester, Cleveland, and Toronto, as well as at the NELFTY week-long camp in the summer. Programs have included cultural, educational and social events, a highlight being the "Shul-In". Debra and Gary Viner, our long-time advisors, are taking a well-deserved break. Their efforts will be continued by Mitch Shack and Tina Beranbaum.

Adult Education takes various forms. Introductory and intermediate Hebrew are offered as well as mini-lecture series such as Imre Rosenberg's Modern Jewish History seminar. The Sunday Morning Breakfast Club guest speakers have explored a wide range of topics, for example, the Peace Now Movement, battered Jewish wives, Reform Kibbutzim, Canadian Jewish poets and Teen Crisis. In addition, a growing library provides up-to-date reading material.

Sisterhood and Brotherhood continued their traditional support of Temple activities. Sisterhood organized the Chanukah Dinner Dance and the "nearly-new sale." Brotherhood's Celebrity Auction was an outstanding success with the proceeds dedicated to the Tamir Foundation and Vision Canada. The Brotherhood is also planning a visit to the "Precious Legacy" exhibit.

The Social Action Committee has continued its efforts for both Ethiopian and Soviet Jewry. The Falashas still in Ethiopia and those resettling in Israel are supported. After the successful exit from the USSR of the Reitmans, Temple Israel's adopted refusnik family, another family, the Belenkys have been adopted. Temple members write weekly letters. So far two very informative letters have been received.

Temple Israel: a congregation active in the community, concerned with national and international social problems and dedicated to its Jewish values.

National Capital Council of Jewish Youth

David Baker, Chairman

This year was by far the best year the National Capital Council of Jewish Youth (N.C.C.J.Y.) has ever had. Regular attendance by all youth groups helped this programming year prosper. This was the first year we had representation from unaffiliated Jewish youth on the council, and this gave us some insight as to why some Jewish youth still remain unaffiliated with Jewish youth groups.

Programming-wise the year has been O.K. but could have been better. The different youth groups programmed well independently, but as a unitied council it is hard to set aside one day to have all youth groups attend one program.

Finally, youth group wise, the year has been successful. The annual Purim Carnival which N.C.C.J.Y. co-ordinates was, by far, the best one yet, and most recently, the carnival at the U.J.A. Super Walk was super. Look for more great programs starting in September and I urge every Jewish teen out there to get involved.

C.I./Community Relations Committee

Stephen Victor, Chairman
Barbara Farber, Deputy Chairman

Our season opened last September with a Political Liaison Bar-B-Q at the home of Barbara and Len Farber for Members of Parliament and their spouses. The evening was organized to thank the candidates of all parties, for taking valuable time out of their campaigns to meet with the constituency committees of the Jewish Community Council, and to keep a dialogue going with the elected members of both Houses of Parliament.

The success of the evening was so evident that the Committee has recommended that the Bar-B-Q should become an annual event.

The forum on hate literature and the law entitled "Freedom to Hate" was held at the University of Ottawa on October 2, 1985. The panel comprising Irwin Cotler, Professor of Law, McGill University; Peter Griffith, Crown Prosecutor, Zundel Trial; John Manwaring, Professor of Law, University of Ottawa and David Kilgour, M.P. for Edmonton-Strathcona, addressed the inadequacies of the federal legislation dealing with hate literature.

Proposals to reform the law were offered by some of the panelists. A question and answer period, deftly managed by the moderator, the Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin, brought the proceedings to a successful close. Refreshments served in the lobby to the overflow crowd of more than three hundred persons, allowed the audience and speakers to mingle informally. The evening was sponsored by the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Council, the Christian Council of the Capital Area, the Holy Cross Parish Community, the Ottawa *Citizen* and the Faculty of Law of the University of Ottawa.

As a result of our forum, we were approached by a lawyer commissioned by Canada Customs to draft guidelines on what constitutes "hate propaganda". We were able to furnish her with a great deal of information for which she was most grateful.

We have worked together with the National Community Relations committee to resolve various anti-semitic incidents, on and off university campuses.

We are also following closely such issues of concern to the Jewish community as the Deschenes Commission; the Shapiro Commission Report on Public Funding of private schools; organized anti-semitism in Canada, and cult groups.

Julie Taub, our Forum and Seminar Chairman, together with her committee, plans to work throughout the summer months on an exhibit featuring the cultural, technological and scientific achievements of Israel over the past thirty-eight years.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of our committee for their support and co-operation. Staff support for the CI/Community Relations Committee is provided by Lillian Laks.

Jewish Community Cemetery

Hyman Gould, Chairman

The Jewish Community Cemetery of Ottawa on Highway 31, Bank St. South is composed of sections owned by Congregations Agudath Israel, Beth Shalom and Machzikei Hadas. This area has served the community for over 75 years.

Temple Israel and Young Israel Congregations were apportioned sections in the New Jewish Community Cemetery when it opened in 1976.

Both cemeteries are well maintained and compare favourably in appearance with cemeteries anywhere.

The Holocaust Memorial, located on the Jewish Community Cemetery on Bank Street, serves as a local point for the entire community and particularly for the annual observance of Yom Hashoah which takes place in the month of May.

The Annual Memorial Service held on the cemetery grounds prior to Rosh Hashanah was well-attended. A short and meaningful service was held.

The appreciation of the community is extended to the clergy, to Sam Petigorsky the Gabbai of the Chevra Kadisha, and to the men and women of his organization for their devoted efforts throughout the year.

I extend my thanks to the Vaad Ha'Ir for making its resources and staff available to the Cemetery Committee, as well as appreciation to my colleagues on the committee who represent Congregations Agudath Israel, Beth Shalom, Machzikei Hadas, Temple Israel and Young Israel; and a very special heartfelt expression of gratitude to Israel Shinder, the Chairman of the New Jewish Community Cemetery.

Congregation Machzikei Hadas

Ken Miller, President

The Machzikei Hadas Shul Calendar was launched this year with a Congregational Breakfast on September 22 for State of Israel Bonds. This is a tradition within our Congregation, to provide a warmup for the major Bond Appeal on Yom Kippur.

There were other breakfasts during the course of the year, including a public appearance by Mayor Jim Durrell in March, and the breakfast that was the final part of the Scholar-in-Residence program featuring Dr. Ben Schlesinger of Toronto.

The Adult Education program featured a Scholar-in-Residence weekend with Dr. Ben Schlesinger, and as well a number of Adult Shabbaton experiences, where adult members of the Congregation took over the entire service from start to finish. As well there are regular classes offered within the Congregation, including a Talmud class every Sunday morning, another Talmud class on Monday evening, a ladies class in Jewish Ethics on Tuesday, a Cantorial class in the reading of Haftorah on Wednesday, and a class in Mishnah on Thursday. This is in addition to the pre-Mincha classes on Shabbat, the Shalosh Seudot learning, as well as the between Mincha and Maariv short sessions on a daily basis.

The Congregation was involved in a number of special events during the course of the year. One highlight was the special Shabbos and Kiddush in honour of the Chevra Kadisha, and the subsequent Chevra Kadisha supper held in our Congregation. We were very pleased to be able to host this event, and show our appreciation to a most vital organization within our community.

Our Congregation was involved with the JCC Singles Group, hosting a Shabbat supper in the Sukkah which was then followed by a lively discussion group. In January we hosted a special 80th birthday kiddush in honour of our Hazzan Sheni and dear friend, Rev. H. Weissbord.

One of the series on family life sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre was held in our Congregation, with the lecture delivered by Rabbi Bulka. We were also part of the Rosh Chodesh program of the Israel Program Centre, and were addressed on that occasion by Professor Aaron Shai, currently visiting professor in Toronto from Israel. A memorial service was held in our Congregation in memory of two great Sages who passed away this year, Rabbi Yaakov Kaminetsky and Rabbi Moshe Feinstein. This event was communal in nature, with the involvement of the major Congregations in the community and the Vaad leadership.

The Star of David Shabbaton and Graduation were held in our Congregation, as was the Bat-Mitzvah ceremony for six young ladies from our Congregation who attend the Star of David School.

A Cantorial Concert was also hosted by our Congregation on behalf of the Ottawa Torah Institute, our own local Yeshiva High School.

Early in the year, the Congregation offered its facilities for the Ethiopian Jewry Art Auction which was a highly successful event. We also had a special Remembrance Day manifestation in the Congregation and a Kiddush following in honour of our War Veterans.

The Congregation had a number of successful dinner and movie nights and hopes to continue this type of event in the future.

Insofar as Youth activities are concerned, there were a number of highlight events, including the children's Chanukah party and the Purim Carnival immediately following the reading of the Megillah. The Sisterhood's Children's Fashion Show was an especially pleasing event. We also hosted the always enjoyable Youth Shabbaton, in which the younger members of the Congregation led the service from start to finish.

The youth of our Shul meet every Shabbat afternoon in differing groups depending on age for a combination of games, learning and refreshments. This group has been quite successful and has been run in conjunction with the B'nay Akiva movement.

Of course, all this activity within our Congregation, encouraging as it is, could not be possible without the dedication of so many who have given of their time and their energy to assure that the bills are paid. I refer of course to those who are responsible for the running of the Shul Gold Bond Draw, those who are responsible for the regular running of the Bingo, and of the Bingo Canteen. These are the individuals whose selflessness and dedication make the Shul what it is.

Also, a special mention should be made of the Shul Sisterhood, which is involved in so many facets of Shul life, with interesting and innovative programs, and with fundraising to help in the daily functioning of the Shul. I thank all those who have made this the year that it has been, and I look forward to future achievements and accomplishments beyond those of this year.

Acknowledgement

The Planning Committee for the Annual Meeting wishes to express its appreciation to all of the individuals who prepared the reports contained in this Special Edition of the Bulletin.

All reports received up to the press time deadline have been included in this issue.

State of Israel Bonds

Sol Shinder, Chairman,
Jim Hassan, City Manager

The State of Israel Bonds organization had an active and a highly successful programme in 1985. In the spring of the year Jim Hassan was appointed the new Director of the Ottawa office, to replace Abe Klugsberg who was retiring.

Dr. Earl Cooperman was the Chairman of the 1985 drive and its success can be attributed to his tireless efforts. The community owes Earl a debt of gratitude for undertaking a difficult job for a second year.

In the spring, a cocktail reception was held at the Senate in honour of Senator Leo Kolber who was to be the guest of honour at a major national dinner in Montreal. The reception was addressed by Tom Hecht, the National Chairman of the State of Israel Bonds Organization.

The Women's Division was headed by Simone Goldberg, Chairman and Zelaine Shinder, Vice-Chairman. They, together with a new team of fresh faces, brought a new vitality to the organization. On September 19 the Women's Division hosted a special dinner to pay tribute to 10 outstanding Ottawa women. The evening was chaired by Ruth Berger and was under the distinguished patronage of Mrs. Nehama Ben-Horin, wife of the Israeli Ambassador to Canada. Ariela Cotler was the guest speaker. The evening was an outstanding success in attendance, commitments and programme.

The main Bonds campaign was focussed on the synagogues. Special Bonds brunches were held at Beth Shalom Congregation, at which David Gordon was honoured, and at Machzikei Hadas in tribute to the late Joseph Appotive.

The 1985 Bonds sales totalled $674,000., a significant improvement over the previous year's totals.

The year's activities ended with the Board and officers paying tribute to Abe Klugsberg for his many years of dedicated service to the city as Director of the Ottawa and District office. Dr. Earl Cooperman, retiring chairman, expressed his gratitude to Abe for his help over the year and presented him with a set of luggage with the wish that Abe and Bertha use them often during his retirement. Julius Briskin, Executive Director of the National office, presented Abe with a plaque of Jerusalem on behalf of the National Officers.

Emunah Mizrachi Women

Rivka Kraus, President

In time for the New Year, the Council of Emunah Mizrachi Women issued its yearly Community Calendar, highlighting not only the holidays and festivals, but simchos and events of a personal nature.

For the Rachel Kizell Chapter, the New Year's activities began with their "busy bees" appropriately mailing out their Rosh Hashanah greetings via their sweet Honey-Project.

In October, the Ora-Aviva Chapter held a successful membership drive at the home of Sophie Koenig, at which Aron Sarna spoke to us effectively on Canada-Israel Economic Relations, documenting his in-depth discourse with factual statistics to underscore the present situation.

A most enjoyable Melava Malka for Chanukah was held in December at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Baruch Diena, at which Rabbi Dr. Basil Herring gave us a thought-provoking address on "AIDS: Self-endangerment and Halacha".

In January, Rabbi Dr. Reuven Bulka addressed a joint gathering of members and their husbands at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. Teitelbaum, expertly tackling the subject of "Psychology and Judaism", which was received with great interest.

In the vein of topics of current interest, in February we invited Richard Priestman of the Glebe Wellness Centre to the home of Shelley Sarna, to speak to us on "Stress: Its Physical and Physiological Manifestations" a topic of current urgency, to which so many people are looking for answers.

A fun evening, a Pre-Purim Melava Malka, was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Abe Aberback. Rabbi Reuven Bulka, by popular request, made himself available to answer "any questions you wanted to ask the Rabbi." Some of them were really loaded! All the trimmings for a successful social included food for thought and for the palate, as well as hilarious "dress-up" costumes. A good time was had by all.

The Ora-Aviv Chapter initiated its "once-a-year" Phantom Tea around Purim time, the success of which bespeaks of the hard work of its dedicated committee.

As is their tradition, the Rachel Kizell Chapter again extended a helping hand to Israel's needy, through their Pre-Pesach Mo'ess Chittim Tea, while the Ora-Aviv Chapter has been busily engaged in the sale of an enticing raffle of a beautiful aquamarine ring.

This year's Mother in Israel Function took on a new format; a dinner to which husbands were invited to join the ladies for the evening of Mother's Day, May 11th at the Jewish Community Centre. It was a beautiful affair, with Rabbi Sydney Shoham as guest speaker, followed by raconteur Moshe Kraus, with a pocketful of timeless chassidic tales.

Emunah Mizrachi's activities are directed to build and provide, support and sustain religious schools and nurseries in Israel, in answer to the ever-growing need. Our beautiful most recent undertaking in Tiberias is a living monument to our year-round efforts. Only seeing is believing. We thank the Ottawa Jewish Community for its unstinting generosity and abiding support.

Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation

Anita Wisner, President

Canada Israel Cultural Foundation — Ottawa Chapter, marks another year of activities dedicated to its ideal: "to introduce to the world the culture of a small country struggling hard for its mere existence, yet endowed with massive spiritual strength from its earliest existence".

Our year started with a sparkling event: a fund drive evening featuring an exhibit of handcrafted Israeli jewelry from the collections of our members. The exhibit, opened by His Excellency Ambassador Eliashiv Ben-Horin, was well attended. A special guest was the newly elected National President, Mrs. Lily Barr of Toronto.

At Chanukah, we got together at the home of Norman and Myma Barwin, where we joined the Israella Singers in an evening of traditional Chanukah songs. A highlight of this event was the beautiful display of more than 40 Chanukiot belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Meir.

The award-winning film documentary *Dark Lullabies* produced by Irene Lillienheim Angelico and Jack Abbey Neidick, was presented in the theatre of the National Arts Centre on March 10. Irene's personal exploration of the Holocaust and its impact on the children of survivors and of their German contemporaries made a powerful and unforgettable impression on the audience. A very animated discussion, between the filmmakers and members of the audience followed. A very special spectator in attendance was Irene's father, who handed her his diary about his experiences in the concentration camps, upon which the film is based.

Together with the Israel Program Centre we sponsored an evening with Orna Porat, the founder and director of the famous National Theatre of Children and Youth in Israel. Mrs. Porat gave a most brilliant and entertaining lecture. There followed a very lively discussion about theatre in Israel prompted by stimulating questions from Sheila Finestone, MP from Montreal and Donald MacSween, director of the NAC.

An exciting exhibit of contemporary Israeli art took place on May 4 at the home of Sara and Zev Vered. The exhibit tried to encompass the many varied aspects of the plastic arts in Israel, by showing over a hundred pieces including oil paintings, etchings, sculptures and tapestries. A valuable silkscreen by Misha Eisemann was raffled and won by Bartov Shulamit, 69D Bowhill Avenue, Nepean, Ontario.

On June 2, CICF co-sponsored with the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, the Bat-Dor dance ensemble from Beersheva.

Since 1957 "Tzlil-Am" or "Sound of the People" has been dispatching mobile units with audio visual equipment to border settlements, villages and development towns in Israel. CICF has provided such a unit and our chapter was proud to hand in a cheque for $1500.

Two important scholarship funds — those of Audrey and Lawrence Freiman and Arnold Shinder, honour our chapter. Three scholarships in the name of Audrey and Lawrence Freiman Fund of Ottawa were awarded this year. The grantees are:

Roy Shiloah — a young violinist, born in Israel in 1970. Roy has already performed with the IPO and other orchestras in Israel, England and Germany.

Alvaro Gonzales — a very talented young cellist, born in Costa Rica in 1969, immigrated to Israel in 1982.

Ferenc Gabor — born in Rumania in 1962, immigrated to Israel in 1982. He is studying viola at the Tel Aviv University.

Yuval Avni, young Israel born violinist, was awarded the Arnold Shinder Scholarship.

Thus, the Canada Israel Cultural Foundation fosters the growth of cultural and artistic activities in Israel. Acting as Israel's cultural ambassador in Canada, CICF promotes a mutual respect for the universal values shared by both countries.

Labour Zionist Council

Harry Goldstein, Chairman

Our Annual Ottawa Histadrut Campaign was conducted under the capable chairmanship of Josef Lebovic and his hard-working committee. All monies raised were dedicated to Camp Gesher and The Senator Croll Amal Schools in Israel.

We are grateful to the Ottawa Jewish Telephone Directory. Our dedicated and hard-working Na'Amat Pioneer Women, under the chairmanship of Freda Frankel, have done an outstanding job in publishing the 1985 Telephone Directory. This reference book is well-received in our community and is used extensively.

The Dror-Habonim Youth Group has expanded tremendously under the leadership of Nehemia Dishon. To date, they boast over 100 members. The Labour Zionist Council pledges its full support of this Youth Group.

The Labour Zionist Council has undertaken to supervise Camp Gesher and make contributions to improve and enlarge the facilities of this camp. We invite Ottawa Jewry to visit Camp Gesher on Highway 41 off Kaladar.

The Labour Zionist Council holds meetings with representation from the Histadrut League, Na'Amat Pioneer Women and Dror-Habonim Youth Group.

Our Council is instrumental in activating groups in our community endeavours such as the Holocaust Memorial, United Jewish Appeal, Bonds and the J.N.F. Negev Dinner.

Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University

Freda Paltiel,
President Ottawa Chapter

The major event of the Ottawa Chapter, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University was the sherry party and ceremony held on February 2, 1986, in celebration of six decades of achievement of the Hebrew University. Ottawa President, Freda L. Paltiel chaired the event, convened by Muriel Levine and Edie Koranyi. A large number of friends and graduates attended. Leading the tributes was Ambassador Eliashiv Ben-Horin of Israel, followed by Visiting Professor Emanuel Gutmann. Two new endowments were announced, one by Prof. K.Z. Paltiel for research in Israeli Social Policy, and the second in Women, Health and Development by Freda L. Paltiel.

Maimonides

George Adler, Chairman of the Board
Rabbi Mordecai Berger, Educational Director
Yolaine Munter, Assistant Principal

Maimonides, founded in 1978, was first located in the Champlain Community Centre, moving to Pinecrest Public School because of a need for expansion — with a further move to Graham Park Centre in Nepean to accommodate the ever-growing enrolment now totalling 141 pre-school and elementary students. Maimonides Junior High School will be opening in the fall of '86. All programs and curriculum follow the Guidelines of the Ministry of Education and lead to the acquisition of a Secondary School Honour Graduation Diploma in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Education, Ontario requirements.

Maimonides has achieved outstanding success in combining a program of Judaic studies, English and French immersion in a rich Jewish environment. Maimonides' students excel in language arts, the sciences and Judaic program. The success of our student's achievement is verified by the Canadian Test for Basic Skills in English Language Arts, Mathematics and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education French test.

Maimonides is the only Jewish school recommended by the Canadian Parents for French, a national organization promoting French language skills. Maimonides is the third largest private school listed by the CPF in the Ottawa-Carleton region. Maimonides' students function equally as well in English or French coupled with a working knowledge of the Hebrew language and Jewish tradition.

Maimonides' students are taught to meet the challenges of modern Canadian society with confidence and assurance in their ability. The environment at Maimonides is permeated with Torah — the source of Jewish ethics and morality and the foundation of the unique Jewish way of life.

At Maimonides all programs are directed toward the full development of the individual student. This is achieved through a fine balance of academic, religious, physical and character building programs.

Small classes, individualized courses and a professional staff who really care about young people, provide the enriched environment that allows students to realize their fullest potential.

Shalom Welcome Service

Ann Goldberg,
Beryl Ben-Reuven, Co-Chairmen

The Shalom Welcome Service was established in order to assist newcomers integrate into the Ottawa Jewish Community. It is run by volunteers, many of them relative newcomers themselves.

Newcomers to our community are put on the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review* mailing list and are contacted by a volunteer who telephones them and extends greetings on behalf of the Ottawa Jewish Community. Newcomers are invited to a coffee and cake evening which not only gives them an opportunity to learn about the Ottawa Jewish Community, its institutions and organizations, but also gives them the opportunity to meet other newcomers to the community.

Our main event each year is the annual wine and cheese party. All newcomers who arrived during the past year are invited. Shalom Welcome Service volunteers, members of the Vaad and representatives of various service organizations also attend.

This past year coffee and cake parties were held in September and January. 126 newcomers were invited to the annual wine and cheese party held on Sunday, May 4th.

Shalom Welcome Service extends an invitation to the community to inform us about newcomers to our community to be invited to one of our informational and social evenings.

We also welcome new volunteers to Shalom Welcome Service and representatives of Ottawa Jewish organizations, services, schools and synagogues who would like to provide brochures or representatives for our informational evenings.

To provide names of newcomers, become a volunteer, or obtain further information, contact Lillian Laks at the Jewish Community Centre, 232-7306.

Ottawa Torah Institute

Rabbi David Tropper,
Rabbi Yisroel Morgenstern
Deans

The Ottawa Torah Institute High School, this city's only full-day Jewish high school for boys, is now entering its fifth year of operation.

The yeshiva's goal continued to be the provision of a comprehensive post-elementary Jewish education for its students coupled with the secular high school courses accredited by the Ontario Ministry of Education, at the Grade 9 to 13 levels.

In the Jewish studies department, courses were offered in Talmud, Chumash, Prophets, Ethics, Law, Hebrew language and literature. The general studies program encompassed mathematics, physics, biology, French, English, computer science, geography and economics.

The teaching faculty is recognized for its superior qualifications. It consists of two rabbinic deans — Rabbi Yisroel Morgenstern and Rabbi David Tropper, plus eight accredited teachers, permitting individualized attention in small class-size settings. A physical education program is mandatory.

Important milestones were marked during the past year. A full-scale dormitory facility was acquired on Walkley Road; enrollment increased to 21 students, double the 1984-85 level; the first graduation ceremony for the Grade 13 class was held; a first-rate basketball team was formed competing in local events; and extended use was made of the spacious classroom and gym facilities of the Jewish Community Centre where the yeshiva is located.

An extraordinary variety of extracurricular and community outreach programs was also undertaken. Students from the community-at-large participated in Sunday Mishna classes (Grades 5-6) and Chumash studies (Grades 1-3); Monday night classes for adults were popular with the study of Talmud Tractate Kiddushin; evening classes for women were provided and community-wide attendence at a Purim Megillah reading was achieved. Dozens of Hillel and Maimonides students also attended the Shabbatons sponsored by the yeshiva at synagogues around town.

In addition, community-oriented fund-raising projects proved popular. Particular mention is made of the highly-acclaimed Cantorial Concert sponsored by the school and the distribution of superior Hebrew-English Torah classics under the Art Scroll imprimatur.

Increasing interest by parents in providing their teenage sons with a top-notch Jewish education without having to move from Ottawa, as evinced by the yeshiva's Open House for parents and favourable comments from community day school executives, is expected to lead to larger student enrollment in the coming year. Further growth is anticipated over the medium-term as Ottawa communal leaders and parents alike accept the ineluctable premise that a yeshiva high school education is as basic to Jewish pride and identity as a day school education.

Shalom Ottawa

Alex Griller
Philip Gennis,
Co-chairmen

Shalom Ottawa is a monthly magazine tormat television programme which presents news, views and events about the local community. Other issues of Jewish interest and relevance are also examined.

The programme is produced once a month from September to June at the Skyline studios and is aired several times during each month by both Skyline and Ottawa Cablevision.

A wide variety of topics are covered during the year and many members of the community participate in discussions or demonstrations of their interests or skills. Skyline Cablevision makes available a Portapak mobile camera with which we are also able to cover community events on location.

During the past year we were pleased to welcome many guests to the show. Among others, Executive Director Gittel Tatz was interviewed about her role in the community. We heard from the organizers of the Jewish Women's Network and in one show, the work of the UJA was examined in some detail.

Problems of the elderly have been explored and we heard from Steven Schnelderman about life at Hillel Lodge. Marlene Cherun, a social worker in the community and Rabbi Bulka discussed alleviation of loneliness among the elderly. The December show took a historical perpective of the community and we heard from Lorry Greenberg about growing up in the Market area and in one interesting segment, Sam Epstein described Carlsbad Springs when it was a flourishing resort. Anyone who felt ready to "participact" might have been inspired by the January show when Ian Sadinsky detailed the many varied sports options available.

Brad Sabin Hill described the Jewish community in Prague and its historic contribution to the culture of Europe and we were pleased to welcome Dr. Imre Rosenberg who told us something of what it was like to live in Prague before the war.

Shalom Ottawa is organized by a committee of volunteers. Anyone who is interested in joining us is invited to contact Lilian Laks at the Jewish Community Centre for further details.

Adath Shalom Congregation

President, Ruth Kahane

Adath Shalom Congregation, Ottawa's egalitarian Conservative synagogue, has completed a successful eighth year with strengthened participation at all levels of congregational activity and increased membership. Its chavurah-style services, co-ordinated by parnas Irwin Brodo, are jointly conducted by congregants every Shabbat morning at Greenbank Public School Library. A highlight is the Dvar Torah, delivered by one congregant each week, leading to active discussion of the Parashah.

High Holy Day Services were led this year by Jewish Theological Seminary Rabbinical student Gary Karlin at the Riviera Gate Apartments Meeting Room. The congregation gained many insights into the Yom Tov prayers throughout the services. New members, family and friends brought this year's attendance to a record high.

Sukkot was celebrated at a congregational family's sukkah with an afternoon sukkah decorating bee for the children, leading into a klezmer jam session and singsong, a harvest dinner and festival services. Morning services were held at another home and sukkah. Simchat Torah involved men, women and children in a lively service at Trend Arlington Community Centre.

Shul members studied together at a series of "tikunim" this year and enjoyed the opportunity of learning with Rabbis Rudy Adler, David Powell and Perry Cohen. Some of the topics examined were "A Jewish Perspective on Prayer"; "Jewish-Christian Dialogue: The View from the Vatican"; and "Jewish Identity".

A stimulating Rosh Hodesh Lecture about the absorption of Ethiopian Jewry by Professor Shmuel Ben Dor was co-sponsored by Adath Shalom and JSU-Hillel as part of the Israel Program Centre series.

Festival celebrations included a family Chanukah party highlighted by a terrific performance given by Shirley Steinberg's Israella Singers. Tu B'Shevat was celebrated with an elaborate Seder of the Species held with the Jewish Vegetarian Society which gave participants a real "tam" of Israel. Purim was a warm, participatory experience for all the generations who joined in the Megillah reading at the home of shul members.

A Pre-Pesach Shabbaton with Rabbi Perry Cohen was highly successful from a religious, social and educational perspective.

Adath Shalom is very pleased with the newest addition to its Shabbat Services — *Siddur Sim Shalom*, the newly-published Conservative movement siddur edited by Rabbi Jules Harlow. This prayerbook, with its insightful translation and stimulating additional readings, will be adding a new dimension to our services.

The congregation invites the community to join them at Greenbank Public School Library for Shabbat morning services, held at 9:45 a.m. and at members' homes over the summer, as publicized. Call President Ruth Kahane, 825-5219 or Membership Chairman Joel Yan, 224-4560 for further information.

Jewish National Fund

Harry Goldstein, Chairman

The Jewish National Fund of Ottawa has just completed another successful year in terms of participation and funds raised. The year was highlighted by an outstanding Negev Dinner campaign, a very successful Tu B'Shvat Telethon and an innovative Blue Box Blitz.

The 1985 Negev Dinner honoured Muriel Levine for her devotion to the strengthening of community institutions both in Israel and Ottawa. The 400 people in attendance were treated to warm and eloquent tributes to Muriel Levine by Chick Taylor, her son, Stan Levine and daughter, Judith Cohen. Henry Molot was campaign chairman and Chick Taylor chaired the dinner. Shira Herzog Bessin, guest speaker for the evening, inspired and informed her listeners on current Israeli affairs. At the dinner, the purchase by Alexander Dworkin of a $1,000,000. project was announced.

The annual Tu B'Shvat Telethon was an outstanding success under the able chairmanship of Roz Taller. She and her dedicated committee were busy all year long planning for and improving on the Telethon. Their efforts, combined with those of the committed volunteers who participated in the Telethon, realized a significant increase in the sale of trees and inscriptions. A clean up to the Telethon was held in March and the committee has already met several times to plan the 1987 Telethon which will be held on February 14.

This year, for the first time in Ottawa, a city wide Blue Box Blitz was held. Under the capable direction of Marlene Cherun as Blue Box Chairman, 140 volunteers participated as drivers to distribute 2800 blue boxes to Jewish households in Ottawa. This mammoth undertaking once again made the Blue Box visible in Ottawa households and reaffirmed a link with the State of Israel and the Jewish National Fund. On May 4, a follow up Blitz was held to replace the full blue boxes with empty ones.

The inscriptions programme is in full swing. Ethel Malek, Chairman of Trees and Inscriptions, contacts the parents of upcoming Bnei Mitzvah and approaching weddings to inscribe their children in permanent registers with the Jewish National Fund. The certificates are then presented to the individuals at the appropriate time in synagogue.

Jewish National Fund of Ottawa is a vibrant and busy organization. Many committees meet on a regular basis to plan and implement fundraising activities. The dedicated executive committee, led by Harry Goldstein, spend many hours guiding the organization with much success. Presently, plans for the 1986 Negev Dinner are underway. The dinner, to be held on September 24, will honour Rabbi Reuven Bulka.

The monies raised from the various JNF activities in Ottawa help to make possible the vital work that the Jewish National Fund undertakes in Israel. JNF performs miracles by transforming swamps, desert and rock beds into productive arable lands. It rings the country in green and makes possible the development of villages on otherwise unusable land. For further information, please contact the JNF office at 230-9047.

Tamir Foundation

Hilary Ingre,
President

Tamir was founded in 1980 to provide residential service to developmentally handicapped young adults in a Jewish milieu. The past year has indeed been very exciting! Following many months of effort, our dream became reality in September 1985 as we opened the doors of a garden home in the Carling-Kirkwood area to welcome our first residents.

It has been truly rewarding to see the progress these developmentally handicapped young adults have made since moving into the home. The residents participate in meal preparation as well as other household chores. With the assistance and supervision of our staff, they are learning to become more independent and to participate more fully in life in the community.

In the months ahead, we shall be exploring the possibility of expanding our program to provide service to some of the Jewish developmentally handicapped adults who currently reside at Rideau Regional Centre in Smiths Falls.

Because we receive no government funding for our program, as yet, we very much appreciate the generous support the community has shown. The response to our recent membership drive was very favourable and we now have over 300 members. If you would like to support Tamir by becoming a member, please contact our membership chairman, Lily Penso, at 725-1846. Other sources of income on which we depend are donor cards and endowments and bequests. We were also gratified by the response to our fundraising event last June as well as the many donations we received to furnish and equip the home.

The Board of Directors of Tamir are very proud that Ottawa, like Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg, is able to offer a service which enables our Jewish developmentally handicapped adults to live with dignity and support in a Jewish home in our community. To learn more about Tamir, call our President, Hilary Ingre, at 830-2631.

Ottawa Women's ORT

Lily Penso,
President

Ottawa Women's ORT supports the ORT network of over 800 vocational training schools in 27 countries, 100 of which are in Israel. The past year has been an exciting active one for all chapters and we are most gratified with the financial results.

I was privileged to attend the Eastern Regional Meeting in Toronto in November, 1985 at which time I participated in workshops on membership and fund-raising, heard inspiring speakers and shared information with other regional presidents. I returned with much enthusiasm to share many exciting plans with our fellow Presidents and members.

A first for Ottawa Women's ORT was the establishment of a Business and Professional Group through the dedicated efforts of Bonnie Carroll, Linda Kerzner and Paula Agulnik. The inaugural meeting was held on April 7 at the Sussex Club with two dynamic speakers on the topic of "From the Nairobi U.N. Women's Conference to the Future for Canadian Women". It is hoped that meetings will be held every six weeks with high profile speakers; the second meeting held in May was addressed by lawyer Shirley Greenberg who discussed the new Family Law legislation.

ORT is also pleased to be represented on the Women's Federation, included in the plans for Yom Ha'Atzmaot, and recently part of the Jewish Students Union Israel Day demonstration at Carleton and Ottawa Universities.

Ottawa's four chapters (Shalom, Eilat, Eretz and Chaverot) held regular meetings with interesting speakers and programmes. Fund raising was in the form of teas, book sales, sales of donor cards and Karmiel passports, a special fund raising project to support the 100th ORT school in Israel. Chaverot Chapter's Christmas gift wrapping project netted excellent results as did their Mother's Day Brunch Box event. Eretz Chapter's annual tea featured an exclusive fashion show of designs by ORT Israel students. Our ORT Talk semi-annual bulletin, with Lily Feig as editor, will be circulated shortly.

A sincere thank you to the Regional Board and all members, as well as the community at large for their ongoing support.

Habonim Dror Camp Gesher

Nehemia Dishon,
Shaliach

Habonim Dror has, during the past year, played quite a positive role in the lives of the Jewish youth in Ottawa. We are always happy to see that the number of our active members is higher than last year, with new members joining.

The peak program of the year is our 6 1/2 week session at Camp Gesher, in which some 80 youngsters from Ottawa, as well as many others from Montreal and Toronto, participate in Israel-oriented programs. Our cultural programs include Israeli songs and dancing as a kibbutz way of celebrating holidays, plus the usual activities such as swimming, canoeing and scouting. We also provide our chanichim (campers) with educational programs that emphasize Israeli society, Jewish heritage and the close connection between Israel and the Jewish people in the Diaspora.

We are able to provide all the above activities because our counsellors demonstrate their commitment to Zionist ideals and their strong willingness to these youth. During the year, we offered our groups, in conjunction with Montreal and Toronto, seminars dealing with Zionist ideals. This year in particular, we increased the numbers of these seminars.

The second annual Seminar Madrichim, in conjunction with other movements, was well attended and successful. The free and compulsory seminar for all madrichim attending Gesher '86, focused on the psychological situation of children and counsellors in summer camps, as well as on other topics such as Jewish identity and programming for the summer. All the sessions were led by professionals who provided the madrichim with a deep and specific preparation for the camp.

Once again we were strengthened in our belief that our movement's summer program in Israel is not only a program to "tour and know Israel better", but is also a source of future leadership for the movement and the community. This year we are expecting a "boom" of at least 15 chanichim — from Ottawa — to go to Israel. Their enthusiasm will be transferred to others and will keep the famous spirit of Habonim Dror and Gesher as high as ever.

In addition to our regular programs, we initiated Sunday afternoon meetings which we hope to improve next year. We are planning special orientation weekends at the Camp to prepare the various groups who are going to Israel and to the national Habonim Dror Camp. In addition, there will be a special parents' weekend which will combine camp preparation and sessions to give the parents the opportunity to experience the camp movement life.

Last but not least, we are progressing toward the development of a new winter camp. This unique time in the winter will add to the excitement of the kids already enjoying our summer camp. It will make the Camp Gesher experience a more than once a year event.

Talmud Torah Afternoon School Akiva High School

Roslyn Kimmel, Chairman
Marcia Tannenbaum, Principal

The Talmud Torah Afternoon School had an enrolment in the 85/86 schoolyear of 165 students in grades Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7. This year, 18 students will be graduated from Talmud Torah Afternoon School, having completed a course of academic study, including Hebrew, Chumash, Jewish History, Israel, Holidays and Customs.

Our Special Education program is flourishing and we are anticipating an increased enrolment based on our creative approach to Jewish education for children with Special Needs.

Succoth was very special this year at Talmud Torah Afternoon School as we celebrated on our own campus in the Sukkah there, thanks to Rabbi Spatz and the Talmud Torah Board. Rabbi Perry Cohen welcomed the children with songs and legend to warm the sukkah visit on a chilly day.

Chanukah was a time for performing, celebrating and sharing with parents and guests. The younger children displayed their talents for family and friends.

Our Bar/Bat program is an integral part of the Talmud Torah Afternoon School program. Under Cantor Aptowitzer's direction, our annual Talmud Torah Shabbat at Agudath Israel was a highlight of the school year.

Children in our school have shared many special moments this year. A new music program with Shirley Steinberg was instituted culminating in a schoolwide musical gathering on Purim.

The Grade 4 class invited their parents to join them in a most enjoyable Tu B'shevat Seder. Grade 5 held a Pirkei Avot competition in which all students were able to participate and display off their newly acquired insights and knowledge. Rabbi Reuven Bulka addressed the class and inspired them to learn and to practice.

Pesach was celebrated by all of our students. Model Seders were attended by parents and preparation was joyous and thorough. Grade seven performed an original play on a Pesach theme for their parents.

On Yom HaShoa the children in Grades 2-7 gathered quietly to hear a story of the Holocaust telling of their role as the new generation of Jews who must remember the six million.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut and Lag B'Omer were celebrated with special programs.

Akiva High School serves the entire Ottawa Jewish Community providing a wide range of courses for students who are graduates of the afternoon schools and day schools throughout Ottawa.

Courses include Yiddish, Hebrew language, Jewish History and Holocaust. Seven students received credit for their Hebrew language study this year.

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